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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
AT
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT
*Meyersburg, 9th September, A. L. 5891; Amherstburg,
11th May, A. L. 5892; Merritton, 11th June,
A. L. 5892; Owen Sound, 17th June,
A. L. 5892; and Ballaghknow,
29th June, A. L. 5892.*

ALSO AT THE
Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication
HELD AT THE CITY OF LONDON,
ON THE
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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held at Meyersburgh, on Wednesday, 9th September, A. D. 1891. A. L. 5891.

PRESENT:

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| R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, D. D. G. M..... | as Grand Master. |
| W. Bro. J. Macoun, M.D..... | as Deputy Grand Master. |
| W. Bro. T. H. Humphries..... | as Grand Senior Warden. |
| W. Bro. V. G. Cornwall..... | as Grand Junior Warden. |
| W. Bro. Rev. J. T. Dowling.... | as Grand Chaplain. |
| Bro. A. M. Hamilton..... | as Grand Treasurer. |
| Bro. W. Kemp..... | as Grand Secretary. |
| W. Bro. T. G. Smith..... | as Grand Registrar. |
| Bro. J. S. Drewery..... | as Grand Senior Deacon. |
| Bro. P. S. Ewing..... | as Grand Junior Deacon. |
| Bro. S. S. Brintnell..... | as Grand Superintendent of Works. |
| W. Bro. W. H. Smith..... | as Grand Director of Ceremonies. |
| Bro. T. Lloyd..... | as Assistant Grand Secretary. |
| Bro. J. D. Rutherford..... | as Grand Organist. |
| Bro. W. Baker..... | as Grand Pursuivant. |

AS GRAND STEWARDS.

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| Bro. A. E. Bailey. | Bro. L. J. Goheen. | Bro. W. Love. |
| Bro. D. Elliott. | Bro. W. M. Codling. | Bro. C. G. Winsley. |
| Bro. G. Vandervoort. | Bro. A. Green. | Bro. J. Dingman. |
| | Bro. J. Kerr. | |

Bro. J. F. Cryderman.....as Grand Tyler.

together with brethren from the following lodges:—Trent, No. 38; Stirling, No. 69; Colborne, No. 91; Golden Rule, No. 126; Franck, No. 137; Percy, No. 161; Mystic, No. 278.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form in the Public Hall at 1. p.m., by the Acting Grand Master, who stated the purpose of the gathering, and that he was deputed by the Grand Master to act in his stead.

The brethren formed in procession, headed by Campbellford band, W. Bro. A. B. German bearing the mallet, W. Bro. R. P. Hurlbut, Bros. W. Clark and W. J. Stanbury bearing a cornucopia with corn, and two ewers with wine and oil, and marched to the site where the foundation of the church was being laid, when they were met by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Wilson, the trustees and building committee.

After the officers had taken their places on the platform, the Acting Grand Master gave the following address:—Rev. Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen of Meyersburgh, and vicinity—At the urgent request of the W. Master of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, G.R.C., Campbellford, and the invitation of yourself, Rev. Sir, and those associated with you in this work, it has pleased our Grand Master to order us to appear here to-day, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of discharging a duty which is peculiarly acceptable to the members of our fraternity—that of laying the foundation stone of an edifice to the worship of the G. A. O. T. U.; for we feel that however humble the structure may be, it is the dwelling place of Him who is “the Great I Am, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending.” I am sure you join with us in sincere regrets that he who so worthily occupies the

Grand East should be unable to be present with us to-day to perform this ceremony.

The laying of a corner-stone is full of significance to every speculative Mason, indeed, I may say, to every Christian ; for while to the former it recalls to mind the moment when the foundation of his Masonic character was laid with impressive solemnity, charging him to build thereon a superstructure that would be perfect and honorable and stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, that he might not be rejected as unfit for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. To the latter it points to the "Church's own foundation ;" the grand corner-stone of our Christian temple—Christ, our Lord.

One of the strongest instincts of our human nature is to build. Freemasonry carries that universal instinct farther than the erection of a merely earthly edifice. It has been truly observed that all spiritual laws are but the continuation of some well known natural laws. Thus, Freemasonry is but the spiritualization of operative Masonry. The implements of art used by an operative Mason are employed by Freemasons to teach the more important truths of morality. Thus the mallet, square, level and plumb-rule which have been presented by me to the Master Architect, convey to the speculative Mason the highest and noblest spiritual teachings. The mallet, morally teaches to correct irregularities and reduce man to a proper level ; so that by quiet deportment we may in the school of discipline learn to be content. What the mallet is to the workman, enlightened reason is to the passions ; it curbs ambition, it depresses envy, it moderates anger, and it encourages good dispositions ; whence arises among good Masons that comely order—

" Which nothing earthly gives, or can destroy
The soul's calm sunshine and the heartfelt joy."

The square teaches us to regulate our life and actions by the Masonic rule and line, and to connect and harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue, so as to render us acceptable to the Divine Being, whence all goodness emanates, and to Whom we must give an undisguised account of our lives and actions.

The level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, are partakers of the same nature, and share in the same hope.

The infallible plumb-rule which, like Jacob's ladder, forms a line of union between heaven and earth, is the criterion of moral rectitude and truth. It teaches us that to walk uprightly and with humility before God, neither turning to the right hand nor to the left from the strict path of virtue, is a duty incumbent upon every Mason.

Illustrations might be multiplied indefinitely, but time will not permit.

Masonry is universal. There is no north, no south, no east, nor west in Masonry. It is bounded by no geographical landmarks. The sun never sets on the Masonic jurisdiction. Yet it has conditions which constitute the qualifications those must possess who wish to become Masons. These are "a belief in God, a life of virtue, an unimpaired intellect, to be of mature age, and free born."

In conclusion, let me portray to you what we consider to be the ideal of a Freemason : "If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life, who, without blemish, fulfils his duties as a man, a subject, a husband, a father ; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellow-men without self-interest, whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is

open for licensed pleasures ; who, in vicissitude, does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger ; the man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity ; who in nature sees the finger of the eternal Master ; to whom Faith, Hope and Charity are not mere words without any meaning. If you, ladies and gentlemen, meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth, and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason."

The Acting Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. J. T. Dowling, then offered up prayer.

The Acting Grand Superintendent of Works, Bro. S. S. Brintnell, then read the following scroll :

**In the name and by the favor of the Glorious Architect of
Heaven and Earth,**

ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1891,

And of the era of Freemasonry, A. L. 5891, and in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of
our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia,
Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia, etc.

His Excellency LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON, Governor-General of the Dominion
of Canada,

The Hon. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario,

The Hon. J. J. C. ABBOTT, Prime Minister of Canada,

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

F. MACOUN, Esq., Reeve of the Township of Seymour.

REV. WM. BUCHANAN, Chairman of the District.

REV. M. E. WILSON, Methodist Minister at Norham.

BRO. A. H. SMITH, Esq., Architect, Norham.

M.W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Esq., Grand Master of Canada.

The Corner Stone

of this METHODIST CHURCH

was laid by R.W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, D.D.G.M., Prince Edward District, assisted by
an especial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada and a large concourse
of brethren, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of
the Order, whom may Almighty God ever
protect and prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the jar containing the coins and other records of Canada in the cavity of the stone.

The pastor of the church, Rev. M. E. Wilson, then presented the Acting Grand Master with a solid silver trowel, bearing the following inscription :—Presented to R.W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District, by the trustees of the church, on the occasion of his laying the corner stone of the new Methodist church, at Meyersburgh, on 9th Sept., A.D. 1891.

The Acting Grand Master having made a suitable reply, the ceremony was proceeded with. The stone was then lowered by three regular stops, after which the Grand Junior and Senior Wardens, and the Deputy Grand Master, applied the instrument of their office to the stone, and it was ascertained that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Acting Grand Master then said : " Having full confidence, my Right Worshipful Brethren, in your skill in a royal art, it simply remains for me to finish the work." Three knocks were then given on the stone with the gavel. " Well made, well proved, truly laid, true and trusty, and may this undertaking be completed by the Craftsmen according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony and brotherly love."

The procession was then reformed and returned to the hall where Grand Lodge was duly closed *in form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, held at the Village of Amherstburg, on the 11th day of May, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892.

PRESENT:

R.W. Bro. R. Paine, D.D.G.M.....	as Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. G. T. Florey.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. G. D. Adams.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. J. A. Patten.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. G. A. Goodman.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. J. R. Park.....	as Grand Registrar.
Bro. Jas McCormick.....	as Grand Secretary.
V.W. Bro. T. Burnie.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. W. Borrowman.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. G. Middleditch.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. C. Wigle.....	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
Bro. A. Long.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W. Bro. C. W. Thomas.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. A. N. Pettit.....	as Grand Pursuivant.

AS GRAND STEWARDS:

W. Bro. W. Weir,	Bro. George Irwin,	Bro. G. R. White,
Bro. F. Brooks.	Bro. T. B. Scott.	Bro. M. Barrett.
W. Bro. W. T. Wilkinson.	Bro. F. M. Falls.	Bro. C. F. Honor.
Bro. R. R. Brett.		

W. Bro. P. H. Ridley.....as Grand Tyler.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in form, at 11 o'clock a.m., in the Masonic Hall, by R.W. Bro. B. Paine, D.D.G.M., acting for the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special Communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist church, at the corner of Richmond and Bathurst-streets, Amherstburg.

The brethren formed in procession, headed by the Amherstburg band, Bros. T. Robinson, R. S. McDonald and J. R. Donnelly, bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine and oil, and marched to the site of the building, where the stone was laid in the presence of a large assemblage, according to the usual ceremonies.

R.W. Bro. B. Paine was presented with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, by the Rev. W. H. Gane, on behalf of the trustees of the church.

After the ceremony, the procession reformed and marched to the hall where Grand Lodge was closed IN FORM.

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, held at the Village of Merritton, on the 11th day of June, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M.....	as Grand Master.	
R.W. Bro. Donald Robertson.....	as Deputy Grand Master.	
R.W. Bro. Wm. Gibson.....	as Grand Senior Warden.	
R.W. Bro. J. W. Coy.....	as Grand Junior Warden.	
R.W. Bro. Rev. Robert Ker.....	as Grand Chaplain.	
R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	as Grand Treasurer.	
R.W. Bro. C. G. McDermott.....	as Grand Registrar.	
R.W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....	Grand Secretary.	
W. Bro. W. H. Read.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.	
W. Bro. J. A. Grobb.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.	
W. Bro. Jas. Lawson.....	as Grand Superintendent of Works.	
W. Bro. C. H. Connors.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.	
W. Bro. A. Hodge.....		
W. Bro. R. Campbell.....	as Assistant Grand Secretary.	
W. Bro. T. J. Stevenson.....	as Grand Pursuivant.	
	As GRAND STEWARDS.	
W. Bro. A. J. Macgregor.	W. Bro. P. S. Meddough.	W. Bro. F. Kilmer.
W. Bro. W. J. Macartney.	W. Bro. W. Winslow.	
	Bro. James Walker.....	as Grand Tyler.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in the Town Hall at 2.30 p.m., by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Past Grand Master, acting for the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Special Communication had been summoned for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. James (Anglican) Church, about to be erected in the Village of Merritton.

A procession was then formed, headed by the Merritton True Blue band, and marched to the sight of the building. The acting Grand Master, having addressed the assemblage, the acting Grand Chaplain asked a blessing, and the Grand Secretary read the following scroll:

In the name and by the favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 27TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1892,

And in the era of Freemasonry, A.L. 5892, and in the fifty-fifth year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and the Dependences in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency, the Rt. Hon. SIR FREDERICK A. STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, G.C.B., being Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon. GEORGE A. KIRKPATRICK, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN ABBOTT, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of the Province of Ontario.

WM. GIBSON, Esq., M.P. for the County of Lincoln.

MAJOR JAS. HISCOTT, M.P.P. for the County of Lincoln.

JAMES PRIOR, Reeve of the Village of Merritton.

RICHARD CLARK, Clerk of the Village of Merritton.

The Corner Stone

OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

was laid by M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M. Incumbent of St. James' Church: Rev-

James Ardill. Churchwardens: E. S. Bradley and W. R. Smyth. Building

Committee: R. Clark, R. McLaughlin, G. Keating, H. Davis, J. B.

Smyth, T. J. Stevenson, D. Hamilton, J. Pilling, R. Burns,

F. Bassett, H. Gartland, J. Prior. Builder: — Newman.

The scroll having been deposited with a phial containing the coins of Canada, sundry newspapers, and other public records, the Grand Lodge Officers applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been swung into position, whereupon they pronounced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine, and oil, and pronounced it well and truly laid. In laying the stone the Grand Master used a handsome, solid silver trowel, presented to him by the building committee of the church.

The procession then reformed and returned to the Town Hall, and the Grand Lodge was closed in *due form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Owen Sound, in the Ninth Masonic District, on Friday, the 17th day of June, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

W. Bro. Allar Cameron.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. J. H. Dickinson.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Ewing Cameron.....	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. E. Wallace Waits.....	as Grand Chapla'n.
W. Bro. Dr. Wilson.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. W. J. Graham.....	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. D. R. Dobbie.....	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. G. Sterling Ryerson.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. David Rutherford.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Judge Morrison.....	as Grand Superintendent Works.
V. W. Bro. Robert McKnight.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. H. Kenney.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Geo. Inglis.....	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. John Rutherford.....	as Assistant Grand Organist.

AS GRAND STEWARDS,

W. Bro. A. McLenhan.	W. Bro. Geo. Simpson.	W. Bro. W. N. Chisholm.
W. Bro. James Walsley.	W. Bro. John Johns.	W. Bro. N. M. Moore.
W. Bro. D. Tansley.	W. Bro. J. Lewis.	W. Bro. A. McCullough.
W. Bro. W. Swords.		

Bro. James Douglas as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren, to the number of about three hundred, hailing from the various Masonic Districts.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at two o'clock in the Masonic Hall, and from thence in the regular order of procession, headed by the Citizen's Band, they marched to the site of the new Marine and General Hospital. Representatives were present from nearly all the Masonic Lodges within a radius of fifty miles, and over three thousand people from the surrounding country assembled to witness the ceremony. On arrival at the grounds a dedicatory ode was sung :

We gather here, Almighty Lord,
With rule and level, trowel and square,
Oh, unto us Thy skill afford,
And for this rite our hearts prepare.

After which the Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge offered an invocation, and then the beautiful rite proceeded in masterly form.

At the call of the Grand Master the Grand Superintendent of Works, Judge Morrison, proceeded to read the inscription on the copper plate placed beneath the cavity of the stone, and the acting Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. Dr. Wilson, next deposited the current coins of the realm in the box provided for the purpose.

At this point Mr. William Roy interpolated a little incident that will become historic in the annals of Owen Sound. The venerable squire of Royston Park quietly stepped to the front and offered a graceful and felicitous welcome to the Grand Master which admirably voiced the sentiment of the entire country-side, judging from the applause with which his language of pointed courtesy was received by the big assemblage. This is what he said :

"HONOURED SIR,—As President of the Hospital Trustees I have great pleasure in presenting you—the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada—with this trowel in commemoration of the laying of the corner-stone of the Marine and General Hospital of Owen Sound. The trustees and citizens are honoured by your worshipful presence on this eventful occasion—a gentleman so well-known for your large-hearted generosity and benevolence. I assure you, sir, we fully appreciate the high honour you confer upon us. A hospital was much needed in this rising town where so many industrial and other buildings are being erected, and trains, steamboats and ships entering our harbor and station, I may say, hourly, and where accidents often happen on sea and land. A hospital was absolutely required, in fact it had become a grave necessity. We are glad, indeed, it is now becoming a reality, and hope it will be a blessing and a pleasant retreat to the sick and afflicted. I trust the people of the town and country will support it liberally. But I cannot let this opportunity pass without acknowledging the great aid and assistance of the ladies. They have done well, and will, I feel sure, continue their good work in the future. In the name of the trustees I beg to tender my sincere and hearty thanks to the Masonic fraternity of town and country for the trouble, generosity and assistance bestowed on us at this interesting event. Your own sympathy and kindness, sir, will, I feel confident, cheer and encourage the trustees to go on and make the Marine and General Hospital of Owen Sound a refuge indeed to the sick and afflicted."

Responsive cheers broke from all parts of the grounds as the Grand Master graciously accepted the proffered gift, and warmly shook the genial donor by the hand. His reply was punctuated by frequent rounds of appreciative applause from the Craft, for whom he spoke. He said:

MR. ROY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—“It was with a very great deal of pleasure that I consented to take part in this interesting ceremony of to-day, and I need hardly assure you that the entire fraternity which I have the honour to represent are in warm sympathy with you in the work which you have undertaken. Personally it is always a pleasure to me to assist in works of charity and relief, but as many of my brethren know I am particularly interested in everything relating to hospital work. The movement inaugurated here to-day for the relief of suffering humanity is one that reflects honour upon Owen Sound, and I am but echoing the prayer of every member of the Craft when I express an earnest hope that your hospital, when completed, may do a good and noble work, and give recovery, relief and assistance to all who may take shelter within its walls.”

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone was then proceeded with.

Prayer having been said by the Acting Grand Chaplain, the Acting Grand Secretary read the following scroll:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of
Heaven and Earth,**

On the 17th day of June, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892, in the 56th year of the reign of our
Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and Dependencies in Asia,
Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Etc., Etc.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley, of
Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the peerage of Great Britain, K. C. B., being
Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.

The Hon. GEO. KIRKPATRICK, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR J. J. C. ABBOTT, being Premier of Canada.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT, being Premier of Ontario.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, M. P. P., Minister of Education for Ontario.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

W. T. TONER, Esq., D.D.G.M., 3th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone of the Marine and General Hospital, in the City of Owen Sound, was laid by M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and a large concourse of brethren, with the usual ceremonies of the O. order.

HOSPITAL TRUST.

Mr. Wm. Roy, President; Mrs. McLeod, President Ladies' Hospital Society; Miss Jane Cameron, Vice-President; Mrs. J. C. Forster, Secretary; Miss Parker, Treasurer.

The stone having been deposited with a phial containing the coins of Canada, and other public records, the Grand Lodge Officers applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been swung into position, whereupon they pronounced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well and truly laid.

Two magnificent bouquets of exquisite cream and pink roses were then presented to the Grand Master by two daintily little misses—Nellie McLeod and Lillie Le Pan—whose names are closely identified with the work of the new hospital. These gifts were received with the Grand Master's acknowledgment, and the incident was by no means the least among the many pleasing events which marked the day's ceremonial.

The Grand Master then addressed the assembly as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, AND BRETHREN :

Of the many duties which devolve upon a Grand Master, there are none perhaps that he more willingly performs than that of taking part in ceremonies similar to that of to-day. While I am sure that all my predecessors, both as men and Masons, have a deep interest in works of this character, perhaps none of them can as fully enter into the spirit of the work as one like myself, who for many years has been intimately acquainted with many of the details of hospital work and has, in a desire for knowledge that would bring health and comfort to sick and helpless children, visited all the great hospitals of both continents, from those which first opened their doors nearly a century ago to those of modern build, the palaces of the healing art, which under the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe have been erected by the Christian people of all lands in evidence of their desire to befriend their fellow beings, to bring back strength to the weakened arm of man, to restore the flush of health to the pale cheek of woman, and to care for sick children, who lie in tiny cots and with bright eyes and parched lips mutely appeal for relief, as if in these days the story of the olden time were being repeated, when the woman in that eastern land, sitting in the byway at Nazareth, pleaded with the Master Physician, as He passed by, for one touch of His hand that her only boy once more might be restored to health, to again gladden her little home with the merry romp of childhood and climb into the full meed of a Christian manhood. (Applause.) It is indeed appropriate that the fraternity of Masons should be invited to be present to-day, and with Masonic ceremonial commence a work which has not only the sympathy of word, but of action, of all who wear the lambskin, and who, with faith in the promises of the Divine Architect, hope that this work may have His blessing, and that as a great charity it may fulfil its duty as a work of mercy, redounding to the honor and credit of those who have in the fulness of their hearts raised a building, within the walls of which those stricken with accident

or disease may find, under the skilled hand of the surgeon and the experienced hand of the physician, relief, comfort and recovery from their many and varied afflictions. Charity is the great channel, it has been truly said, through which God passes His mercy upon mankind. It is indeed a sorrowful sight to see men grasping and penurious, to whom want appeals in vain and suffering cries in an unknown tongue. Such men are faithless stewards who embezzle what God has given them in trust for the suffering among humanity. Those, however, who are the promoters of this charity realize, I feel assured, that there is luxury in doing good, that there is no pocket in a shroud and that they will spend their time when they teach their hands to be liberal before death stiffens their fingers. God bless them in their work.

We of the Craft in Canada—yes, of this continent, come from a goodly heritage, and from that day, a century and a half ago, when the great lights of Masonry, the volume of the Sacred Law, the Square and the Compasses, were spread by British soldier Masons in the bomb-proof bastion, the primitive lodge room at Quebec, within a few hours after the flag of Great Britain floated from the citadel, down to the present time, we have striven to live close to the lines which have marked the life of the Mother Grand Lodge, from which we are so proud to hail. Our brother Masons in the British fatherland are giants in the work of benevolence, and to-day in the Grand Lodge of England, with its great School for Boys, its admirable School for Girls, and its Home for Aged Masons and other charities, we find that for every day as the sun sinks into its resting-place in the crimson west, the hand of the almoner of Craft charity in England pays out not less than one thousand dollars, a munificent annual aggregate of over \$300,000, while north of the Tweed our Scottish brethren wound up their last year of work by entertainments that netted them \$75,000, and our Irish brethren have just raised, after a few weeks' work, \$150,000, all of which is to be expended in works of benevolence. (Applause.) Coming over to this side of the Atlantic, we have our Craft friends of the Grand Jurisdiction of New York erecting an orphan asylum, the cost of which will run into thousands, while the Masons of Kentucky and Michigan sustain a home in which scores of widows and hundreds of orphan children of the Craft are cared for. In our own land we find the private lodges of the Craft maintaining wards or beds in the hospitals of large cities, while through the generosity of Grand Lodge and of the private lodges of this jurisdiction from \$12,000 to \$15,000 is annually expended on those whom we are proud to think have a claim upon us, while the total amount given away by the Grand Lodge of Canada during the past thirty years amounts to \$300,000. (Applause.) The kindly hand of the Craft has never faltered in its work. Its timely aid has oftentimes relieved the prisoner of pain and sent him back to the world stamped with the hallmark of health, and although Masonry is not in any sense a benefit or relief organization, it has striven "amid God's suffering poor one gleam of brotherhood to send." Pardon this reference to the actual work of the Craft. Our endeavor is to do good by stealth, and only the fitness of the occasion leads me to refer to works, the records of which are confined to the books and official documents of Grand Lodge. Many of you—and I see a large number of the fair sex present—are, I am sure, eager to question me as to why the fraternity of Masonry should be invited to take part in this ceremonial, and I gladly accede to what I know is their request. To make my explanation intelligible to you who are non-Masons, let me say that the Freemasonry of to-day is the outcome of the early operative Masons' Guilds of England, which had their

origin and genesis in the Guilds or Colleges of Roman constructors or builders, who came over to Britain with the Roman legions when Britain was conquered. These bands of workmen were practically delegations from the *Collegia Frabrorum* or the stonemasons' guilds or unions of Rome, which were instituted and organized by Numa Pompilius in the year 715 B.C. Now these stonemasons' guilds laid what was known as the corner stones of all the public buildings in Rome. This corner stone was considered the most important stone in the edifice and was laid with magnificent ceremonies. Tacitus, the celebrated Roman historian, well describes the ceremony in his account of the rebuilding of the Capitol, when the priests, senators, knights and citizens amid demonstrations of joy, seized hold of the cords which held the stone, and dragged it into its proper place. This ceremony took place under the auspices of the operative Masons' Guilds or Colleges—what would be known in these days as the Trades' Unions, of Rome. The old guild workmen used their tools as aids in mechanical work just as your workmen will do in the erection of this proposed edifice. Now, with this preamble, let me give you a leaf from the history of our organization of Masonry. In the beginning of the seventeenth century a change came over the operative organization, and, probably with the idea of extending the influence of the membership, founding an ideal organization that would represent more fully the Christian doctrine of fraternity, its entire character was changed, and those who were non-operatives were admitted—men eminent in the ranks of art, science, and literature. The name, the customs and ceremonies of the ancient fraternity, with their rights and charters, were retained; a centre of union was formed in a Grand Lodge, and instead of the art of building, the tenets of "brotherly love, relief and truth" were the distinguishing features, and the organization became speculative in its character. The tools used as mechanical aids were adopted for illustrations in the exemplification of great truths. For instance, the twenty-four inch gauge, or ordinary two-foot rule, used by the operative mason to measure work, reminds the speculative Mason of the division of the day into twenty-four hours, and directs him to apportion his time to its proper objects, viz.: Prayer, labor, refreshment and sleep. The common gavel, mallet or stone-hammer, used in the hand of the operative for the hewing of stone, teaches that skill without exertion—you see the application—is of little avail, that labor is the lot of man, that the heart may conceive and the head devise in vain, if the hand be not prompt to execute the design. From the chisel, which is of such material use with the operative as an aid in the squaring of stones and the decorative part of work, we learn that nothing short of indefatigable exertion can induce the habit of virtue, enlighten the mind, and elevate the character of man. Now, cannot every one of you, whether members of the Craft or not, apply these principles to your daily lives? You now have the story of the transition of operative into speculative Masonry. With regard to this ceremony of to-day, and the excellent truth it inculcates, we in imitation of the primal fraternity of builders lay this stone. It must be perfectly square, as an emblem of morality, and in its solid contents a cube, an emblem of truth. We place it in the north-east corner, between the north, the place of darkness, and the east the place of light. The north is Masonically a place of darkness, because the sun in his progress through the ecliptic never reaches further than 23 degrees 28 minutes north of the equator. A wall being erected on any part of the earth further north than that will, therefore, at the meridian receive the rays of the sun on its south side, while the north will be in shadow at the

hour of the meridian. This idea of the north being a place of darkness was a favorite one, even in the days of the old sun worshippers. The east is the place of light, the place of the sun's daily birth, and hence indicates Masonic progress from darkness to light—from ignorance to knowledge. We consecrate with corn, wine and oil. These were the most important productions of the east, and constituted the wealth of the people, the supports of life and means of refreshment, and we carry corn, wine and oil in our processions to remind us that in our pathway through life we should share our bread with those who hunger, with our wine cheer the sorrowful, and pour the healing oil of consolation into the wounds of those afflicted in mind or body.

The Craft is, therefore, to-day a fraternal organization of the highest type, its aim and object being to promote amongst men the principles of fraternity, fellowship and good-will, and, in a word, make men better, whether as husbands, fathers, brothers, or citizens. Regarding the hospital work in this province, it is fitting and decidedly opportune that reference should be made to the laudable manner in which, under the directing eye of the Hon. J. M. Gibson, the Provincial Secretary, who is, by the way, as you all know, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and our friend, Dr. Chamberlain, the keen, intelligent and energetic inspector, the hospitals of this province have prospered. (Applause.) I have gathered out of those entertaining public documents, the Government returns, figures which show that in 1884 there were 14 hospitals under Government inspection. There are now 27. There were then 6,000 patients. There are now over 10,000. This feature is, of course, regrettable. In 1884, about \$130,000 a year was spent in maintenance. Now there is about \$240,000, and the Ontario Government in those days amplified the local aid to the extent of \$55,000 a year. Now it gives \$90,000, and outside aid which amounted to \$105,000 in 1884 now totals over double that amount—while the cost *per capita* averages about 70 cents, absolute proof of economy and management. I am only doing simple justice to the Government of this province when I state that there are no public hospitals in any part of the world better and more efficiently managed than those of Ontario. It must be eminently satisfactory to the people of this province to know that those who govern, whether provincially or municipally, are providing in a satisfactory manner for the care of the sick and afflicted. Figures show that Canada, with its physical resources not yet developed is exceptional in developing higher life, the establishment of helpful institutions, and the expansion of charitable enterprises. Hospitals are living monuments of Christianity and humanity, and appeal directly to the sympathy of every man, woman and child in the land. (Applause.) I congratulate Owen Sound, with its Hospital Board and its committee of ladies, who have been so earnest and courageous in this work, on the liberality and charity which erects this fine building. It speaks well for the people, and is a noble exemplification of their enterprise and benevolence. (Applause.) Personally, I am glad to be here, not only as Grand Master of the Craft of Masons, but as a citizen of this province, to me the fairest of the provinces of a Confederation, one of the links that bind us to an empire whose citizens are prodigal in their liberality in all Christian enterprises, whose flag, unfurled on every sea, is emblematic of more good accomplished than all the other ensigns of earth combined. (Loud applause.)

While the Grand Master was afterwards engaged in congratulating the ladies' committee, one of the representatives for North Grey was called to the platform, and in a few brief sentences expressed his per-

sonal interest in the work. He said it was usually considered to be somewhat dangerous for a politician to interfere on occasions of that kind, but he was there not in his legislative capacity, but as a zealous member of Pythagoras Lodge, to support the Grand Master in the duty which he had so efficiently discharged that day. He was exceedingly pleased that this important work had been undertaken in Owen Sound, but too much praise could not be given to the ladies for the manner in which they had carried the affair to a successful conclusion. When the list was first submitted to him, he never gave a subscription to anything with so much pleasure in all his life. The Grand Master's eulogy of the provincial charities was thoroughly well deserved, and no one was qualified to speak with more authority than he, on account of the large sums he has given from his own pocket to the charitable objects of Ontario. Such a hospital as that now undertaken was badly wanted in Owen Sound, and when erected he trusted it would prove a boon and blessing to the town and county at large.

Headed by the band, the procession re-formed and marched back to the Masonic Hall, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Hamlet of Ballaghknow, in the Township of Yonge, in the County of Leeds, on Wednesday, the 29th day of June, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell, D.D.G.M.	.....as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. Menish, P.D.D.G.M.	.....as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Simpson, P.G.J.W.	.....as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. N. B. Colcock, G.P.	.....as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. C. J. Young	.....as Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Bro. J. Quigg, P.G.S.	.....as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. J. R. Wright	.....as Grand Registrar.
Bro. G. H. S. Kennedy	.....as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Wm. Wright	.....as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Stearne Tighe	.....as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. W. Taylor	.....as Grand Superintendent of Works.
Bro. H. Ferris	.....as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey	.....as Assistant Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. Chas. Stewart	.....as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. T. Berney	.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. G. W. G. Grant	.....as Grand Organist.
Bro. Ira Mallory	.....as Assistant Grand Organist.
W. Bro. C. W. Bullock	.....as Grand Purveyor.
Bro. Isaac Cole	.....
Bro. Z. Purvis	.....
Bro. Alfred Scott	.....
Bro. James Urquhart	.....
Bro. R. L. Beoth	.....as Grand Stewards.
Bro. M. Frown	.....
Bro. John Mackie	.....
Bro. J. P. Redmond	.....
Bro. D. J. Hollingsworth	.....
Bro. R. R. Phillips	.....

W. Bro. J. A. Bradley.....as Grand Tyler.
together with a number of Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and brethren, hailing from Lodges in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Districts, and Bro. John H. Green, of Argyle Lodge, No. 65, G.R.Q. Montreal.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *form*, at 11.40 o'clock a.m., at the residence of Mr. Charles Nunn, at Ballaghknow, by R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell, D.D.G.M., of St. Lawrence District, No. 15, who announced that this special Communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. Luke's (Anglican) Church, at Ballaghknow; and that he had undertaken the duty in accordance with instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed and marched, in prescribed order, to the old church, where a portion of the impressive service of the Church of England was conducted by Rev. W. B. Carey, Rural Dean of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, assisted by Bro. the Rev. H. Austin, of Gananoque. After which the procession reformed and proceeded to the site of the intended structure, where the brethren took their proper positions at the north-east corner.

The acting Grand Master, R.W. Bro. S. B. Fell, addressed the large assembly, briefly stating the cause of the presence of the Grand Lodge. He dwelt particularly upon the connection of Freemasonry with the ancient ceremonies of laying corner stones, and also in a very lucid manner showed how closely the objects and tenets of Masonry were connected with the rules and teachings of the Church, explaining the various lessons taught the brethren by the twenty-four inch gauge, the common gavel and chisel, the square, level, and plumb-rule, and the skirret, pencil, and compasses.

The beautiful ceremony of the Craft was then proceeded with. After the Grand Chaplain had implored a blessing on the undertaking, the Assistant Grand Secretary was called upon to read the following scroll, which was deposited in the cavity of the stone :—

In the name and by the favor of the Grand Architect of the Universe,

On the 29TH DAY OF JUNE A.D. 1892,
ST. PETER'S DAY,

and the era of Freemasonry, A.L. 5892, and in the fifty sixth year of the reign of

Queen Victoria,

Our Most Gracious Sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Empress of India and other Dependencies in Asia, Sovereign Ruler of all British Possessions in Europe and Africa, of Australasia, and of the Dominion of Canada.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON being Governor-General of Canada.

The Rt. Hon. SIR J. J. C. ABBOTT, Premier of the Dominion.

The Rt. Hon. SIR OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Esq., M.P. for South Leeds.

R. H. PRESTON, Esq., M.P.P. for South Leeds.

JOHN CONOLLY, Reeve of Front of Township of Yonge.

M.W. Bro. JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. M. GIBSON, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. S. B. FELL, D.D.G.M.

The Right Hon. E. W. BENSON, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Right Reverend JOHN TRAVERS LEWIS, Bishop of Ontario.

The Rev. CHARLES JAMES YOUNG, Missionary Priest at Lansdowne and Ballaghknow.

The Rev. G. D. G. GRANT, Rural-Dean of Leeds.

Churchwardens: NEWTON AVERY and WM. HUGHES. Building Committee: NEWTON AVERY and CHARLES MUNN. Treasurer: HEBER YOUNG. Builder: JOHN DIXIE.

The Corner Stone

Of the new CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, Ballaghknow, Township of Yonge, County of Leeds, Ontario, was laid by R.W. Bro. S. B. Fell, D.D.G.M., St. Lawrence District, No. 15, assisted by and under the auspices of the following brethren of Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387 :

W. Bro. J. W. Taylor, W.M., W. Bro. Stearne Tigh, P.M., Bro. J. G. Wallace, S.W.,

Bro. Chas. J. Young, J.W., W. Bro. J. A. Bradley, Sec., W. Bro. Chas. Stewart,

Bro. H. P. Ferris, Bro. J. P. Redmond, Bro. D. J. Hollingsworth,

and attended by brethren from the following lodges :

Sussex, No. 5, Brockville.

Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens.

Leeds, No. 201, Gananoque.

Salem, No. 368, Brockville.

Merrickville, No. 55, Merrickville.

Excelsior, No. 142, Morrisburgh.

Macey, No. 242, Mallorytown.

Lyn, No. 416, Lyn.

In the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Districts, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G.A.O.T.U. ever protect and prosper.

The Grand Treasurer deposited in the cavity a phial containing silver and copper coins of the Dominion of Canada, together with various denominations of Canadian and British stamps, the *Journal* of the twenty-ninth Synod of Ontario, a copy of the minutes of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville of the January session, 1892, a copy of M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson's address as delivered at the thirty-sixth annual communication of Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. in 1891, and recent issues of the *Churchman*, *Empire*, *Mail*, *Globe*, of Toronto, and *Daily* and *Weekly Times*, of Brockville.

The proper officers having applied the implements of their office, after the stone had been placed in position, it was declared that the Craftsmen had done their duty, and the acting Grand Master finished the work by giving the stone three knocks, and saying : " Well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty " ; and consecrating it with corn, wine and oil, as emblems of plenty, cheerfulness and consolation, respectively.

After the Grand Honors had been given and the impressive ceremony concluded, the Missionary Priest at Ballaghknow, Bro. Rev. C. J. Young, delivered a short address, giving a brief history of the church in that section and thanking the Fraternity for their kindly assistance.

The Grand Officers and Brethren then returned to the residence of Mr. Charles Munn, where Grand Lodge was closed *in form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of London, commencing on Wednesday, the 20th day of July, A.D. 1892, A.L. 5892.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, Q.C.

R. W. Bro. Jas.utherland, M.P. Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. LeF. A. Maingy. Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Petti, M.A. Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson. Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. as Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke. Grand Superintendent Works.
V. W. Bro. N. B. Colcock. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. G. E. Mason. as Assistant Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. Jas. W. Rippon. Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Geo. Inglis. as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Alex. Smith. Assistant Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. James I. Moore. Grand Pursuivant.

THE GRAND STEWARDS.

V. W. Bro Geo. Collies. V. W. Bro. D. Allin. V. W. Bro. C. Mole.
V. W. Bro. O. E. Fox. V. W. Bro. W. H. Eurgess.

THE GRAND TYLER.

Bro. F. J. Hood.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Paine.	Erie	District No. 1
R. W. Bro. W. D. Griggs.	St. Clair	" " 2
R. W. Bro. T. E. Robson.	London	" " 3
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell.	North Huron	" " 5
R. W. Bro. F. H. Cox.	Wilson	" " 6
R. W. Bro. Wm. Conboy.	Wellington	" " 7
R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner.	Georgian	" " 9
R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson.	Niagara	" " 10
R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton.	Toronto	" " 11
R. W. Bro. Wm. McKay.	Ontario	" " 12
R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson.	Prince Edward	" " 13
R. W. Bro. S. C. Warner.	Frontenac	" " 14
R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell.	St. Lawrence	" " 15
R. W. Bro. G. S. Macfarlane.	Ottawa	" " 16
R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie.	Algoma	" " 17

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully.	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay.	Scotland.
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Auder.	New Brunswick.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.	Prince Edward Island.
R. W. Bro. Robert McKay.	Quebec.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler.	Arkansas.
V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson.	California.
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson.	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.	Florida.
R. W. Bro. W. R. White.	Georgia.
M. W. Bro. James Moffat.	Idaho.
R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis.	Illinois.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.	Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. Spry.	Kentucky.
V. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton.	Maryland.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.....	Michigan.
R. W. Bro. F. M. Morson.....	Mississippi.
R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson.....	Montana.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson.....	Nevada.
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.....	New York.
R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson.....	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar.....	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. L. G. Jarvis.....	Ohio.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor.....	Oregon.
M. W. Bro. James Moffatt.....	Pennsylvania.
R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb.....	South Carolina.
R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson.....	Tennessee.
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn.....	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton.....	Virginia.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding.....	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargent.....	Wisconsin.
M. W. Bro. D. Spry.....	Greece.
R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe.....	Italy.
M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem.....	Peru.
R. W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton.....	Switzerland.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson.....	Victoria.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.—M. W. Bro. James Moffatt, Daniel Spry, Hugh Murray, H. Robertson and R. T. Walkem.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson, Gav'n Stewart, Wm. Gibson, George Russell, L. H. Henderson, P. J. Lightburne, Wm. Roaf, J. Tom, A. B. Munson, L. Slater, Robert Mackay, T. C. Macnabb, James Reynolds, R. B. Hungerford, J. B. Nixon, J. C. Hegler, H. S. Broughton, H. G. Lindsay, T. Sargent, John Nettleton, D. H. Martyn, L. G. Jarvis, D. F. Macwatt, G. W. Howell, J. H. Burritt, W. R. White, J. E. Harding, Henry Turner, R. W. Longmore, D. B. Dewar, B. Shortly, R. H. Preston, Wm. Kerns, David Taylor, John Soon, John Boyd, T. P. Smith, Wm. Rea, C. R. Church, R. M. Stuart, R. Mahoney, A. B. Jardine, Wm. Smeaton, W. L. Hamilton, E. T. Malone, Wm. Kennedy, R. C. Bruce, James Reynolds, Wm. Miller, John Simpson, J. A. C. Anderson, and G. J. Bennett.

PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.—R. W. Bros. James McLauchlan, John Kinghorn, W. J. Simpson, R. L. Patterson, H. F. Sharp, G. R. Van Zant, A. W. Porte, and J. E. Davidson.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDEES.—R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, Joseph Beck, M. Walsh, James Greenfield, W. A. Green, J. S. Dewar, G. C. Davis, Hugh Walker and G. G. Roe.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAINS.—R. W. Bros. Rev. George Chrystal, Evans Davis and David Armstrong.

PAST GRAND REGISTRARS.—R. W. Bros. H. A. Mackay, R. L. Gunn, Isaac Waterman, F. C. Martin and J. C. Boyd.

PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACONS.—V. W. Bros. F. F. Man'ey, Thomas Beattie and James Wilson.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR DEACON.—V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson.

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.—V. W. Bro. C. F. Marsell.

PAST GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.—V. W. Bro. J. Hook.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARIES.—V. W. Bros. G. E. Mason, F. F. Dalley, R. A. Hutchison and T. McCallum.

PAST GRAND ORGANIST.—V. W. Bro. C. A. Sippi.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANISTS.—V. W. Bros. George Gott, H. Waterman and L. Secord.

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANT.—V. W. Bro. E. E. Kitchen.

PAST GRAND STEWARDS.—V. W. Bros. J. Quigg, C. King, J. S. Scarff, S. Dubber, J. H. Flock, R. R. Fulton, W. T. Wilkinson, R. McKnight, A. Shaw, W. F. Miles, W. C. Morrison, C. Benedict, S. Percy, A. Hess, W. H. Chittick, E. T. Shaw, Isaac Huber, Jas. McNeil, Alva Trusler and R. A. Klock.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER.—V. W. Bro. C. Pye.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, the Mayor of London, and a deputation from the City Council were announced, introduced, and presented the following

ADDRESS.

To J. Ross Robertson, Esq., Grand Master, and the other Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—On behalf of the corporation and citizens of the City of London, I have great pleasure as Mayor in extending to you a most sincere and hearty

welcome on the occasion of this Grand Lodge meeting. I can assure you, sir, that the people of this city, in common with their fellow-citizens throughout the Province, whether members or not of your ancient and honorable fraternity, have noted with just appreciation your generosity and philanthropy, and that we deem it all the greater honor to extend our welcome to the members of this Grand Lodge, because its presiding officer is the princely provider for the tenderest and most helpless of God's creatures—sick children. During the ten years which have elapsed since this Grand Lodge last met here we venture to think our Forest City has made commendable progress, and that to day we can welcome all the members of this assembly not only to one of the finest masonic edifices, but to the most beautiful of Canadian cities.

We are aware, sir, of the benevolent and great work you are doing, and trust your present session may greatly promote the interests you have at heart. In conclusion, permit me to wish you a most enjoyable and profitable time while in our midst, and at the same time express the hope that London will soon again be honored with your presence.

On behalf of the Municipal Council,

(Signed) W. M. SPENCER, Mayor.
C. A. KINGSTON, Clerk.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented the Grand Lodge was opened in *Ample Form* at 3 p.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

A deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the London lodges were announced, introduced, and presented the following :

ADDRESS OF WELCOME :

To Most Worshipful Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—On this the 37th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Masons of London bid you a hearty and loyal welcome. As Grand Master you have presided with such marked ability and acceptance to the Craft that we esteem it a privilege to greet so distinguished a Master, and to welcome to our city, after an absence of ten years, the supreme body of the fraternity. And while we deeply regret the absence of many noted Craftsmen, who have been called to the Grand Lodge above, it is to us a source of great pleasure, as we know it is to you, that the Order continues to increase in numbers and influence.

In greeting you, at the conclusion of your second year as chief head and ruler of the Craft, we find it impossible to speak in fitting terms of your wonderful and herculean labors on behalf of Masons and Masonry. Your zeal, your self-denying journeyings, your lavish expenditure of time and money, your practical exemplification of charity and the profoundness of your wisdom and research have all combined to gild your fame with undying lustre and to enshrine forever in the hearts of the brethren the name of John Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Cheering as has been the record of Masonry in the past, bright as it is at the present, we venture to cherish the hope that the future, has for us an ever-widening sphere of usefulness and duty, and it is our earnest prayer that the G.A.O.T.U. will so direct our deliberations that Masonry may grow and flourish, and exemplify to the world the virtues which it teaches.

Through you, M. W. Sir, we desire to express to the brethren of the Grand Lodge our pleasure in welcoming such a distinguished body of representative men to the Forest City. We extend to every brother the sincere greeting of the Craft in London, and we trust that while in session the wisdom of the united councils may be felt throughout the entire jurisdiction.

A. W. PORTE, P.G.S.W., Chairman.
JOHN SMITH, W.M., St. John's, No. 20.
T. H. L'SCOMBE, W.M., St. George, No. 42.
A. A. CAMPBELL, W.M., Kilwinning, No. 64.
A. G. McWHINNEY, W.M., Tuscan, No. 195.
T. A. ROWAT, W.M., St. John's, No. 209a.
J. H. STEIN, W.M., Corinthian, No. 330.
JAS. LORD, W.M., King Solomon's, No. 378.
W. G. McMILLEN, W.M., Union, No. 380.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford, Wm. Roaf, and James Greenfield, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present :

No. 2. *Niagara, Niagara.*

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.M.

No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*

W. Bro. W. J. Wilson, W.M.; R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson and John Kinghorn, P.M.'s.

- No. 5. *Sussex, Brockville.*
W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey, W.M.; Bro. A. Urquhart, S.W.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Simpson and V. W. Bro. J. Quigg, P.M.'s.
- No. 6. *Barton, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. F. B. Ross, W.M.; R. W. Bros. Gavin Stewart, Wm. Gibson, George Russell and H. A. Mackay; V. W. Bro. G. E. Mason, and W. Bros. R. Hobson and James Ferres, P.M.'s.
- No. 7. *Union, Grimsby.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 9. *Union, Napanee.*
Bro. T. D. Pruyn, S.W.; R. W. Bro. S. C. Warner, and W. Bro. W. J. Shannon, P.M.'s.
- No. 10. *Norfolk, Simcoe.*
W. Bros. E. G. Wells, P.M., Proxy, and J. C. Boyd and G. H. Luscombe, P.M.'s.
- No. 11. *Moir, Belleville.*
W. Bro. W. Lattimer, P.M., Proxy, R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson and W. Bro. John Newton, P.M.'s.
- No. 14. *True Britons, Perth.*
W. Bro. J. R. Wright, Proxy.
- No. 15. *St. George's, St. Catharines.*
R. W. Bro. R. Ker, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's, Toronto.*
W. Bros. Thos. Bell, W.M.; Daniel Rose, P.M.
- No. 17. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
W. Bro. A. R. Hargraft, W.M.; R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, and W. Bro. R. J. Craig, P.M.'s.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
W. Bro. W. R. Leavens, W.M.
- No. 20. *St John's, London.*
W. Bro. John Smith, W.M.; Bro. John Robertson, J.W.; M.W. Bro. Jas. Moffat; V.W. Bros. Jos. Hook, and M. D. Dawson and W. Bros. A. B. Greer, G. Elliott, J. H. Wilson, James Dunn and H. Draney, P.M.'s.
- No. 21a. *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
R. W. Bro. G. S. MacFarlane, Proxy.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. W. H. Scott, W.M.; M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.M.; D. Spry, P.M.
- No. 23. *Richmond, Richmond Hill.*
W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, W.M.
- No. 24. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
W. Bro. J. A. Houston, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 25. *Ionic, Toronto.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf; V. W. Bros. G. S. Ryerson and F. F. Manly and W. Bro. J. H. Patterson, P.M.'s.
- No. 26. *Ontario, Port Hope..*
W. Bros. J. W. Quinlan, W.M.; W. J. Robertson, P.M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance, Hamilton..*
W. Bro. J. H. Herring, W.M.; R. W. Bros. J. M. Gibson, J. J. Mason and R. L. Gunn; V. W. Bros. F. F. Dalley and R. A. Hutchison, and W. Bros. P. D. Carse, F. J. Howell and T. W. Lester, P.M.'s.
- No. 29. *United, Brighton.*
W. Bro. R. J. Wade, W.M.
- No. 30. *Composite, Whitby.*
W. Bro. A. G. Henderson, W.M.; V. W. Bro. C. King and W. Bros. Andrew Ross and R. S. Cormack, P.M.'s.
- No. 31. *Jerusalem, Bowmanville.*
W. Bro. T. H. Spry, P.M. Proxy; R. W. Bro. Wm. McKay, P.M.
- No. 32. *Amity, Dunnville.*
W. Bro. L. A. Congdon, W.M.
- No. 33. *Maitland, Goderich.*
W. Bro. Robt. Park, W.M.; R. W. Bros. I. Tomes and J. Beck, and W. Bros. C. A. Humber and James Addison, P.M.'s.
- No. 34. *Thistle, Amherstburgh.*
V. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 37. *King Hiram, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. J. P. Bole, W.M.; R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, P.M.
- No. 58. *Trent, Trenton.*
R. W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins, P.M., Proxy; V. W. Bro. Geo. Collins, P.M.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion, Brooklyn.*
W. Bro. J. W. Thompson, W.M.

- No. 40. *St John's, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. John Modie, W.M.; Bro. W. J. Aitchison, S.W.; R. W. Bro. John Malloy; V.W. Bro. T. McCallum, and W. Bros. W. J. McAlistler and Albert Pain, P.M's.
- No. 41. *St. George's, Kingsville.*
W. Bro. Leroy Ca'e, W.M.
- No. 42. *St. George's, London.*
W. Bro. T. H. Lucombe, W.M.; Bro. J. A. Nelles, S.W.; R. W. Bros. A. B. Munson, Isaac Waterman, and T. H. Brunton; V.W. Bro. Herman Waterman and W. Bros. A. Ellis, T. R. Parker, H. Baptz, W. Skinner, E. Burke, Wm. Thornton, G. Angus, Andrew Dile and H. E. Nelles, P.M's.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's, Woodstock.*
W. Bro. T. E. West, W.M.; V.W. Bro. J. W. Ripp and James S. Scarff, and W. Bros. G. J. Frase, A. J. McIntosh and A. McInenaghan, P.M's.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas, St. Thomas.*
W. Bro. J. Wal's, W.M.; Bros. J. A. Squance, S.W.; H. A. McIntyre, J.W.; R. W. Bros. L. Slater and Robert Mackay; V.W. Bro. S. Dubber, and W. Bros. N. W. Ford, H. Bradshaw, W. E. Isaide and John Midgely, P.M's.
- No. 45. *Brant, Brantford.*
W. Bro. S. F. Pasmore, W.M.
- No. 46. *Wellington Chatham.*
W. Bro. A. H. Von Ganten, W.M.; R.W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, and W. Bros. Wm. Young and Robt. Riddell, P.M's.
- No. 47. *Great Western, Windsor.*
W. Bro. James Weir, W.M.; Bros. Walter Holdstock, S.W.; A. J. Little, J.W.
- No. 50. *Consecon, Consecon.*
W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 52. *Dalhousie, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. J. H. Salmon, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 54. *Vaughan, Maple.*
W. Bros. Leeds Richardson, P.M., Proxy; Thomas Cousins, P.M.
- No. 55. *Merrickville, Merrickville.*
R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, Proxy.
- No. 56. *Victoria, Sarnia.*
Bro. James Lambert, J.W.; V. W. Bro. C. Mole, and W. Bros. Robert Ker P. M's.
- No. 57. *Harmony, Eimbrook.*
W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. Chrystal, P.M.
- No. 58. *Doric, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. R. W. Stephen, W.M.
- No. 61. *Acacia, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. S. H. Kent, W.M.; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and V. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke, P.M's.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's, Caledonia.*
Bro. Jos. Bingle, J. W.; W. Bro. James Olds, P.M.
- No. 63. *St. John's, Carleton Place.*
W. Bros. W. M. Dunham, W. M.; F. Donald, P. M.
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W. Bro. A. A. Campbell, W. M.; Bro. C. W. Davis, S. W.; R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford and Evans Davis; V. W. Bros. C. A. Sippi and J. H. Flock; and W. Bros. G. Laing, J. W. Butler, C. C. Reed, J. H. Ferguson, W. Morgan, John Overell, A. McQueen, R. M. Graham and A. O. Jeffery, P.M's.
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W. Bro. A. Maclean, W.M.; Bro. F. Armstrong, J. W.; R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, R. L. Patterson and James Greenfield; and W. Bros. J. S. Ballantyne, M. Gibbs, and W. J. Graham, P. M's.
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W. Bro. J. H. Bellwood, W.M.; James Parker, S. W.; V.W. Bro. D. Allin, P.M.
- No. 68. *St. John's, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. Wm. Partlo, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, P.M.
- No. 69. *Stirling, Stirling.*
W. Bro. John Shaw, W.M.
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W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, W.M.
- No. 73. *St. James, St. Mary's.*
W. Bro. F. P. Riddell, W.M.; R. W. Bro. H. F. Sharp, and W. Bros. W. C. Mosscup, D. Dewar, and James Chalmers, P.M's.
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- No. 78.* King Hiram Tilsenburgh.
W. Bro. Wm. Norris, P.M., Proxy.
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W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, Proxy.
- No. 86.* Wilson, Toronto.
W. Bro. Geo. McIre, W.M.; R.W. Bro. T. Sargent and W. Bro. George Clarke, P.M.'s.
- No. 87.* Markham Union, Markham.
R. W. Bro. G. R. Vanzant, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 88.* St. George's, Owen Sound.
V.W. Bro. R. McKnight, P.M., Proxy; R.W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan, P.M.
- No. 90.* Manitowish, Collingwood.
Bro. W. R. Rowland, S.W.; M.W. Bro. H. Robertson, and R. W. Bro. John Nettleton and W. T. Toner, P.M.'s.
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- No. 92.* Cataraqui, Kingston.
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- No. 97.* Sharon, Sharon.
W. Bro. D. L. Lepard, W.M.
- No. 99.* Tuscan, Newmarket.
W. Bro. P. T. Lee, W.M.; R.W. Bro. T. H. Bruntor, P.M.
- No. 101.* Corinthian, Peterboro'.
W. Bro. T. E. B. adburne, W.M.
- No. 103.* Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.
W. Bros. H. Southcott, W.M.; H. J. Johnston, P.M.
- No. 104.* St. John's, Norwich.
W. Bros. A. McCurly, W.M.; T. B. Phepoe, P.M.
- No. 105.* St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South.
W. Bro. W. D. Garner, W.M.; Bro. J. G. Cadhan, S.W.
- No. 106.* Burford, Burford.
V. W. Bro. W. F. Miles, P. M., Proxy; F. D. Wilson, P. M.
- No. 108.* Blenheim, Princeton.
W. Bro. W. C. Patton, W. M.
- No. 110.* Central, Prescott.
W. Bro. J. F. Graham, W. M.
- No. 113.* Wilson, Waterford.
W. Bro. W. Meacer, W. M.
- No. 114.* Hope, Port Hope.
W. Bro. W. Garfat, W. M.
- No. 115.* Ivy, Beamsville.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 116.* Cassia, Thelford.
R. W. Bro. G. W. Howell, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. J. G. Brown, P. M.
- No. 120.* Warren, Fingal.
W. Bro. M. Campbell, W. M.; Bro. A. McDougall, J. W.; W. Bros. N. S. McCall and James W. Miller, P. M's.

- No. 121. *Doric, Brantford.*
W. Bro. J. T. Slater, W. M.; Bro. W. F. Paterson, J. W.; V. W. Bro. L. Secord, and W. Bros. J. G. Liddell, F. C. Heath and W. Watt, P. M's.
- No. 122. *Renfrew, Renfrew.*
Bro. N. H. Cleary, J. W.
- No. 123. *The Belleville, Belleville.*
W. Bro. R. E. Clarke, W. M.
- No. 125. *Cornwall, Cornwall.*
V. W. Bro. C. F. Mansell, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Pettitt, P. M.
- No. 127. *Frank, Frankford.*
R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, Proxy.
- No. 128. *Pembroke, Pembroke.*
W. Bros. R. W. Kenning, W. M.; W. J. Douglas, S. W.; R. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt and W. R. White, P. M's.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun, Aurora.*
W. Bro. H. J. Charles, W. M.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence, Southampton.*
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, Proxy.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest, Exeter.*
W. Bro. R. H. Collins, W. M.; Bro. C. Saunders, S. W.; W. Bros. G. A. K. McLeod and H. Speckman, P. M's.
- No. 135. *St. Clair, Milton.*
W. Bros. J. A. Fraser, P. M., Proxy, and W. Panton, G. Smith and C. Hoff, P. M's.
- No. 136. *Richardson, Stouffville.*
W. Bro. E. W. Gardner, W. M.; Bro. J. A. McGillivray, S. W.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras, Meaford.*
W. Bros. Rev. J. H. Fairlie, D. Biles and R. R. Fulton, P. M's.
- No. 139. *Lebanon, Oshawa.*
Bro. A. R. McLean, S. W.
- No. 140. *Malahide, Aylmer.*
W. Bro. W. J. Fear, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 141. *Tudor, Mitchell.*
W. Bro. Wm. Machan, W. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior, Morrisburg.*
Bro. G. H. S. Kennedy, J. W.; R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell, P. M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
W. Bro. Wm. McKellar, W. M.; Bro. Robt. Bosberry, J. W.; R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, P. M.
- No. 145. *J. B. Hall, Millbrook.*
R. W. Bro. H. Turner, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales, Newburg.*
W. Bro. C. Shorey, W. M.; R. W. Bro. R. W. Longmore, P. M.
- No. 147. *Mississippi, Almonte.*
W. Bro. Frank Donald, Proxy.
- No. 148. *Civil Service, Ottawa.*
R. W. Bro. Le F. A. Mingay, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 149. *Erie, Port Dover.*
R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, Proxy.
- No. 151. *The Grand River, Berlin.*
W. Bro. W. J. Mellen, W. M.; R. W. Bro. D. B. Dewar, P. M.
- No. 153. *Burns, Wyoming.*
W. Bro. W. Newell, W. M.; Bros. J. M. Gunne, S. W.; John Campbell, J. W.; W. Bros. J. M. Wilson, A. E. Harvey, W. B. Collins and H. H. Hunt, P. M's.
- No. 154. *Irving, Lucan.*
W. Bro. C. B. Edwards, W. M.; Bro. C. Haskett, J. W.; W. Bros. W. Matheson, Wm. McLeod, John Fox, W. Ellwood, C. C. Hodgins and Wm. Porter, P. M's.
- No. 155. *Peterborough, Peterborough.*
R. W. Bro. B. Shortly, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 156. *York, North Toronto.*
W. Bro. C. C. Norris, W. M.
- No. 157. *Simpson, Newboro'.*
R. W. Bro. R. H. Preston, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 159. *Goodwood, Richmond.*
R. W. Bro. G. S. Macfarlane, Proxy.
- No. 161. *Percy, Warkworth.*
W. Bro. C. A. Tomlinson, W. M.
- No. 162. *Forest, Wroxeter.*
W. Bro. Isaac Elliott, W. M.
- No. 164. *Star in the East, Wellington.*
W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, Proxy.
- No. 165. *Burlington, Burlington.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Kerns, P. M., Proxy.

- No. 168. Merritt, Welland.
W. Bro. Geo. Wells, W.M.
- No. 170. *Britannia, Seaforth.*
W. Bro. R. W. B. Smith, W.M.; Pro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, J.W.
- No. 171. *Prince of Wales, Iona.*
W. Bro. S. H. Weldon, W.M.
- No. 172. *Ayr, Ayr.*
W. Bro. W. Willison, W.M.; Bro. S. Stewart, S.W.
- No. 174. *Walsingham, Port Rowan.*
R. W. Bro. J. C. B yd, Proxy.
- No. 176. *Spartan, Sparta.*
W. Bros. G. H. Haight, W.M.; W. B. Cole, P.M.
- No. 177. *The Builders', Ottawa.*
W. B o. Fred. C:ok, W.M.; R.W. Bro. David Taylor, P.M.
- No. 178. *Plattsville, Plattsville.*
W. Bros. R. Hewitt, P.M., Proxy; W. R. Henderson, P.M.
- No. 180. *Speed, Guelph.*
W. Bro. R. Tovell, W.M.; Bro. O. H. Ainsworth, J.W.; R.W. Bro. John Se on
and W. Bros. Thos. New at d H. N. Parry, P.M's.
- No. 181. *Oriental, Port Burwell.*
W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, W.M.
- No. 184. *Old Light, Lucknow.*
Bros. W. A. Wilson, S.W.; D. Patterson, J.W.
- No. 186. *Plantagenet, Plantagenet.*
Bros. C. O. Carson, S.W.; W. Franklin, J.W.
- No. 190. *Belmont, Belmont.*
R.W. Bro. John Boyd, P.M., Proxy; W. Bro. G. W. Francis and J. G. Fawcett,
P.M's.
- No. 192. *Orillia, Orillia.*
W. Bro. E. C. Roper, W.M.
- No. 194. *Petrolia, Petrolia.*
W. Bro. Isaac Erb, W.M.; Bro. R. F. Burgess, S.W.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan, London.*
W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, W.M.; Bro. W. T. Vanstone, S.W.; F. A. H. Fych,
J.W.; R. W. Bros. A. W. Porte and R. B. Hungerford; V. W. Bros. Thomas
Beattie and J. D. Clarke, and W. Bros. R. W. Barker, P. D. Broderick, C. E.
Fisher, Edwin Paull, A. G. Smyth, G. A. Somerville, W. J. Reid, and G. D.
Sutherland, P.M's.
- No. 196. *Madawaska, Annaprior.*
R.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Proxy.
- No. 197. *Saugeen, Walkerton.*
W. Bro. Chas. Astley, W.M.; R.W. Bro. W. A. Green, and W. Bro. Hugh
B'rs, P.M's.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's, Mount Forest.*
W. Bro. R. O. Kilgour, W.M.
- No. 203. *Irvine, Elora.*
W. Bro. Joseph Clarke, W.M.; R.W. Bro. T. P. Smith, P.M.
- No. 205. *New Dominion, New Hamburg.*
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W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, P.M., Proxy.
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V. W. Bro. G. Inglis, P.M., Proxy.
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W. Bros. John Murray, P.M., Proxy; Henry Watson, P.M.
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W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, W.M.
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V.W. Bro. James McNeil, P.M., Proxy.
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R.W. Bro. Wm. Millar, P.M., Proxy.
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W. Bro. J. N. Shearer, W. M.
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W. Bro. Robt. Geddes, P.M., Proxy.

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- No. 405. *Mattawa, Mattawa.*
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W. Bro. A. McGougal, W.M.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*
W. Bro. A. E. Cumming, P.M., Proxy.
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M. W. Bro. D. Spry, Proxy.
- No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*
W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, Proxy.
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- No. 427. *Nickel, Sudbury.*
W. Bro. W. H. Howey, W.M.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication, held at the City of Toronto, on the 15th, 22nd and 23rd days of July, A.D. 1891, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in the Grand Communication.

Brethren of Grand Lodge,—When after two years of fraternal and business intercourse with my brethren in this jurisdiction I halt at the milestone which marks the centennial year of our history and call the representatives who compose the governing body, to congregate in their thirty-seventh annual communication, a feeling of satisfaction, not unmixed with gratification, and yet intermingled with regret, pervades me—satisfaction that I have had the opportunity of enjoying a personal acquaintance with probably two-thirds of the membership, and this thought is interwoven with the hope that these heart promptings may never be forgotten; gratification that my endeavour to inform and entertain my brethren had close and intelligent attention, that a revival prevails in many sections, that the work of lodges for years in sight of dissolution has quickened, that all along the line the Craft bells are chiming an anthem of enthusiasm that will delight prosperous lodges, strengthen those that struggle and encourage those dependent for existence on the surplus magnetism generated in other than their own Craft homes; regret that while I may have exceeded my own expectations in the management of the Craft work, I have nevertheless been unable to reach the standard set by those who, without the advantage of the position, think that the work of a Grand Master is fully exemplified when with sphinx-like silence, veiled in an atmosphere of dignity, he sits as the living yet inanimate symbol of majestic apathy rather than that of useful action. My regrets are, however, softened by the fact that the flood of welcome and appreciation which has greeted me indicates that in the hearts of the fraternity there is a warm corner for a presiding officer, whose aim is—may I say unselfishly?—to strengthen the cause, and to cement the friendships characteristic of an institution devised by man, and yet one of the Divine instrumentalities which, amid the smiles of summer and the frowns of winter, showers blessings on all who are true to its principles.

MY VISITS TO THE CRAFT LODGES.

While words uttered from this Grand East may find their way to the membership, either in the printed record of Grand Lodge or through the medium of the press, there can be but one opinion that to keep in touch with the heart of the Craft, to strengthen the mystic tie of sympathy, personal contact, the commune of voice with voice, the interchange of thought with thought, visits to the brethren in their own homes—in their lodge rooms—are essential. With this object in view, I have during the past two years visited every lodge once, and many twice, of the 348 on the register of this Grand Jurisdiction, making 131 visits in 1890-91, and 232 in 1891-92, in all 363 visits, covering about twenty-three thousand miles of travel and ten months of actual time occupied in the work. At these meetings I gave general addresses on Craft work, lectures embracing all periods of Craft history from the earliest date, at the same time affording the brethren an opportunity of enquiry on matters of which they desired information in connection with either our esoteric or exoteric work. The attendance was large and representative and might be fairly taken as including two-thirds of the entire membership. The thousand memories of the pleasant talks at these reunions with my fellow-Craftsmen have added leaves to the book of my life, to which I shall surely, in the aftertime when age has a greater claim upon me, turn with pleasure, to refresh my mind, to

recall old names and faces, encouraged by the thought that many of those who then greeted me are yet active in the work, and are still with me, marching along in the twilight of life, with the unchanging desire we all have who recognize Masonry as the idealistic reality of fraternity.

A FRATERNAL VISIT.

During the spring of the year, leaving our most western lodge at Keewatin, I journeyed, on the invitation of M. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, the Grand Master of Manitoba, to Winnipeg and Brandon. I found there a welcome that in fraternal enthusiasm was excelled by no gathering of the Craftsmen of this jurisdiction. The compliment was not to me but to the Grand Lodge of Candaa, whose offspring the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is, and it was cheering to realize that this, in a sense, venerated jurisdiction, holds a high place in the hearts of our Manitoba brethren.

THE CONDITION OF THE LODGES.

One cannot with absolute accuracy, in the short period assigned to each visit necessary to cover the ground, arrive at more than a general opinion as to the condition of each lodge or of the Craft at large, and therefore, it might be unfair to place in the crucible of criticism many of the elements which have to be weighed in defining the prosperity of a lodge. And yet there are features connected with the work, to which reference should be made, not precisely in the censorious spirit—for that is a field in which many are pre-eminently successful—but rather with the anticipation that impressions may be made that will evolve a change for the better in the points alluded to. The mere motion of the verbal machinery of man, that turns out words in an aimless, phonographic way, and without a knowledge of the situation, would be harmful, not helpful, and, therefore, my desire is to impress on the brethren that whatever personal experience has been afforded me has been amplified by the official reports and by opinions expressed by unbiased minds, who are just as sincere in the work as any within the sound of my voice, and who realize that Masonry as a need of humanity, an adjunct to civilization and an educator of mankind, has a business as well as a fraternal aspect—both factors that are most essential to success.

THE RENDERING OF THE WORK.

Speaking in a general way of the condition of the work, more particularly with regard to ritualistic exemplification, it is encouraging to know that there is a visible improvement in a large proportion of the lodges, especially since the authorization ordered by Grand Lodge five years ago. The revision of this year has given unqualified satisfaction—placing as it does the W. M.'s and officers of lodges in a better position than ever before for the proper rendering of the work.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE.

The meetings of lodges in every district, with a few exceptions, seem to have been held with regularity, but an examination of the register books of all the lodges during the past five years does not reveal an attendance of the brethren at all in proportion to the total membership. I have carefully examined this feature, have conversed with those who could offer an intelligent opinion, and venture to state that a statistical return would show that the average monthly attendance does not exceed twenty per cent of the membership on the roll. In striking this average the increased attendance at annual meetings

and at installation ceremonials, when a larger proportion than usual of the brethren is present, is duly credited.

SOME REASONS FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.

While this at first view seems discouraging, it must be remembered that fully twenty per cent. of the membership reside out of, or in parts of, the jurisdiction distant from their lodges, that probably as many cannot conveniently attend owing to temporary absence, so that there are about forty per cent. who are presumably indifferent to their Masonic connection and its requirements. One would think that the efforts of the officers of the lodges and the influence of those who have passed the chair would induce larger gatherings, but apparently not, for the registers do not show an attendance of one for every five of those who have had the honour of obtaining past rank; indeed many incline to a much smaller average. There is this to be said, that the experience of other fraternal organizations is much the same, and that in some which are prominent the average of those present at regular meetings is even much less than is claimed for our fraternity, while the reasons for non-attendance are possibly the same. In this age there are so many avenues for fraternal intercourse through organizations of a beneficial character, formed in response to the vital needs of mankind, in which thousands of those in our fold are affiliated, we may not, therefore, go out of our way to find reasons why organizations suffer from non-attendance. Men are but human, and home, social and business duties are elements in the routine of life, which with justice require attention if we desire, as we undoubtedly should, to fulfil our duties in the army of industrials, who have obligations not only at the family circle, but who as citizens of a great empire are identified with everything that will advance the cause of humanity.

THE MEMBERSHIP—WITHIN AND WITHOUT.

Regarding the increase in membership, there is no doubt that in the prosperous lodges of every district—and these compose a large proportion—more care is being exercised as to those who are being admitted, while in some lodges anxiety for funds to pay expenses clouds the better judgment, and in a few lodges no care whatever is apparently taken. In this latter class anyone, it is claimed, can be admitted, as long as the wherewithal is provided. In one case, which has deeply concerned me, it is asserted that the material accepted is most indifferent and that the amount expended in railway fares and expenses to secure the services of the P. M.'s to exemplify the work greatly exceeded the annual dues of the lodge to Grand Lodge. Increase in membership is not an absolute essential or indication of prosperity, no more than decrease by suspension is evidence of adversity. Better conserve and interest those we have and keep them true to the principles of the institution than receive those whose ideas of Masonry are defined by the buying power of the dollar, and who gauge their love for a brother by his commercial rating. The roll of those who have by suspension lost their privileges is admittedly a long one—in one way regrettable, and yet why should we mourn over men, the large proportion of whom perhaps measured their Masonic zeal and fraternity by the number of ledger accounts opened for Craftsmen, who see in every brother the prospective purchaser of some of the commodities that help to make life worth living, who use the twenty-four inch gauge as an aid to business, and the square as a sign that they are ready to exchange experience for money, and that not at the current market value?

WHAT WE ARE SUFFERING FROM.

This jurisdiction is suffering and has suffered from the depression which prevails in sister jurisdictions through a plethora of lodges. This opinion is formed not from hearsay, not even from official report, but from a knowledge gathered by a personal examination of localities. Scattered through this province, lodges were years ago planted without the slightest regard to the requirements of the community. This action has had the natural effect of weakening prosperous lodges and emasculating others. As a consequence, unhealthy competition was excited. Funds were required to meet legitimate expenditure, and those admitted to the privileges of the Craft, certainly became members, who were probably indifferent as to whether they ever became Masons. The error of the past has carried with it a lesson which we justly appreciate when we suspend lodges of questionable life and character, receive with thanks warrants that are surrendered, as in the case of Springfield, No. 259, in the Third District; Craig Lodge, No. 214, in the Fourth District, and Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville, in the Thirteenth District, and favor the amalgamation of lodges, as in the case of Nos. 83 and 366, Strathroy, in the Second District, and Nos. 201 and 340, of Gananoque and Pittsburg, in the Fourteenth District, where with wisdom united action takes the place of divided interest.

SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

While it is pleasant to know that the cases alluded to form a small percentage of those on the register, it is gratifying to report that three-fourths of the lodges in the jurisdiction are not only improving in the exemplification of the work, but also in the quality of the membership. The conviction is close to my mind that the brethren are to-day speaking through the ballot box, and value the advantages of the institution by rejecting those whose motives for seeking admission are not clearly defined.

Another evidence of progress is to be found in the improvement of the meeting places of the Craft. While in an occasional locality the primitive surroundings remind one of the days of the pioneer, when timber was rendered artistic by the efforts of the woodman's axe, the Craft may well feel proud of temples like those of Barrie, Collingwood, Mattawa and Oshawa, recently erected, which are not only a credit to this jurisdiction, but are unequalled in design and furnishing by any outside of the palatial Craft halls of the great cities of this continent. The suite of rooms at Barrie are a model of elegance, appointment and comfort.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

While no one more than myself has commended caution in the instituting of new lodges, yet when conditions are favourable and surroundings justify, it is in the interest of the fraternity to meet a well-founded want. Port Elgin, in the Fifth District, had a warrant years ago, which was surrendered to Grand Lodge for the reason that those who carried on the work allowed their enthusiasm to outrun their discretion, and the lodge expenditure exceeding its income soon brought disaster. The desire to meet as Masons has lately revived. A number of the members of the old lodge, profiting by the experience of the past, have enlisted the sympathies of others, and all joined in an appeal to me for another opportunity to prove their ability to meet in fraternal communion. After a lengthened correspondence, a personal visit to Port Elgin to satisfy myself of the claims for a dis-

pensation, and interviews with some fifteen members of the Craft, the petition being recommended by St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton, I decided to grant a dispensation.

The warrant of Lodge No. 152, at Port Perry in the Twelfth District, was, as you are aware, suspended and cancelled at the last Annual Communication for good and sufficient reasons. Many prominent and worthy Masons, who were members of the former lodge, with other unaffiliated brethren, who were resident in Port Perry, joined in a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge. After careful consideration and enquiry as to the standing of all concerned, with the assurance that the lodge would not be permitted to fall into the devious ways of the former lodge, I directed a dispensation to issue.

The brethren residing in an important suburb of Toronto, situated east of the city limits, in the Eleventh District, and known as "East Toronto," also desired the privilege of meeting as Masons. The request being endorsed by the nearest lodge, recommended by the D.D.G.M. of the District, and with knowledge of the situation, a belief that it would be an excellent centre for Craft work, I directed a dispensation to issue, as provided.

These dispensations I commend to your favourable consideration, assured that the revival of Masonry in the two first cases will be of a more satisfactory character than in the former instances, and that in the third case we shall have a lodge that will be a credit not only to the Craftsmen of my native city, but will reflect honour on this Grand Jurisdiction. I have declined to grant dispensations for lodges at Gore Bay in the Seventeenth District, Dundalk, in the Ninth, and to Ridout Lodge at Otterville, in the Sixth District. It would not be in the interest of the Craft to have granted any of these applications.

THE WEARING OF MASONIC CLOTHING.

The clothing worn by the Craft is symbolical of the highest type of manhood, and in all lands, those who appear clothed as Masons at public ceremonials are presumed to be living exponents of principles, the antithesis of the empty illusions, exemplified when we cheapen our reputation by linking our patronage with debatable enterprises, which savor of the masquerade, the race track and the harlequin, where mammon reigns supreme and fraternity is an unknown quantity. Recently at Campbellford under the auspices of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, in the Thirteenth District, entertainments were held, which I understood included a named horse race as one of the attractions to draw coin from the pockets of those who revel in the joys of the race track and see Masonry as a magnet for drawing crowds, that can with ease distance the influence of the local paragrapher, even if his circulation be limited only by the capacity of the paper mill to turn pulp into reading matter. It is my deliberate opinion—this, too, endorsed by the voice of the thinking men of the Craft—that the use of Masonic clothing at other than authorized ceremonials, such as services over the dead, the laying of corner-stones, or ceremonies directly under the supervision of Grand Lodge, is detrimental to the morale of the Order and repellant to all who regard the Craft as a glorious companionship that shall encircle the entire of humanity. I readily recognize that, while the fraternal and business features claim attention, the social landscape should not be neglected, for without the solid sunshine of life one might as well blot out the day and regard night as a myth. The social reunions, the entertainments and companionable gatherings, which are encouraged by many lodges and to which we are able to invite those who make our homes a little heaven, are just as necessary to

success as the inner work of our lodges, and yet there is no more reason why at a ball or concert, at a picnic or steamboat excursion, the Craft clothing should be worn than that a man should carry a thermometer around his neck to grade his earnestness in our work, or as evidence of the number of degrees he has, through merit and ability, received during his Masonic career.

WHO SHOULD HAVE CRAFT BURIAL.

Even funeral ceremonies are losing their impressiveness, and might reasonably be curtailed. The so-called right of burial, fashioned by those who manufacture landmarks for every letter of the alphabet, is merely a regulation, not by any means universal. It should not be enough that Masons before death, or their friends for them, request Craft burial. Care should be exercised that those who are dead and gone are worthy of the honor. It is an outrage on public sentiment, and a prostitution of our ceremonies, to assemble at the grave of a brother, who perhaps wrecked his life by indiscretions, which made his name a byword, and whose daily life was so improper that shame herself kept watch that even her sense of decency was not violated. To cast the evergreen into the graves of men who have made their hearths and homes desolate, whose wives and children have sought for happiness under the cold stars of heaven rather than under the paternal roof, is sanctioning vice, and attempting to use the broad mantle of a Mason's charity, with its ample salvage, as a cover for the sins of a life that can best be crowned with forgetfulness.

CHEAPENING OUR CEREMONIES.

An evident impression prevails with many that the laying of corner-stones is an art which the Grand Master should exercise at call. It is rather suggestive of other than proper motives, when some of those who desire the honor are anxious to know whether the Grand Officers and members, in addition to their attendance, should not also contribute to the erection of the building, at the same time deeply concerned as to the size of the contributions that will be collected at the ceremony. My belief is that in nearly every case, except, of course, where educational, charitable and state structures are concerned, the Craft is invited to participate not from the slightest desire to honor "the ancient fraternity," but with the sordid hope, published in the press, and posted on every barn door, that the presence of the Craft will attract a large assemblage and yield a proportionate pecuniary return.

Some years ago, when under the instructions of the then Grand Master, I performed the ceremony, the reverend gentleman who preached charity and unselfishness in that particular locality, murmured because the offering taken up did not yield enough to pay for a new pulpit; indeed he gave me such scant civility that even the Grand Chaplain, who officiated, felt a spasm of muscular Christianity at intervals during the ceremony.

In no other jurisdiction on earth has the corner-stone ceremony been rendered so common as in Canada. The latest scheme, however, which has developed and is now in full working order—it may be patented for aught I know—is the quadruple corner-stones. Three of these stones are laid by members or adherents of the church, and the Craft is "graciously permitted" to lay the fourth. Now I yield to no man in my reverence for things sacred. I recognize Masonry as the exemplification of the Christianity taught by Him who, eighteen centuries ago, with the music of His footsteps turned sorrow into joy, and gave us the message from the Master, but I, without hesitation, draw the

line and hold my pen when asked to summon Grand Lodge to act as an annex for a purpose which, however appropriate, yet when taken part in by the Craft, cheapens an impressive ceremony, lowers the dignity of the Craft, and drags it in as the side-show to capture the little spare cash the spectators have left, before they have even time to recuperate from the exhausting results of their regular contributions.

THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE CRAFT.

One hundred years ago the first Craft Provincial Grand Lodge met at Niagara. It was known as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, and was warranted by the Ancient or Athol Grand Lodge of England, on the 7th March, 1792, with R. W. Bro. Wm. Jarvis as Provincial Grand Master. Acting on the recommendation of Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I have appointed a committee to arrange the details of the celebration, so that the occasion may be appropriately observed. This committee will report to Grand Lodge at this communication, in order that they may be in a position to carry out the proposals made. Grand Lodge may feel assured that every effort will be made to make the commemoration one worthy of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

THE GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Seven years ago the Grand Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was formed in Baltimore, with the purpose of devising methods to protect the Craft from the raids of imposters and unworthy Masons, who, with heads to contrive and tongues to persuade, wandered up and down this continent with matchless tales of misfortune and distress, which, as told by the bearers, would chill the heart and loose the purse string. For 40 years past this cyclorama of misery has been viewed in every jurisdiction. Thousands—yes, tens of thousands—of dollars were paid out by ever generous Craftsmen in response to these appeals for aid, until endurance became no longer a virtue, and the Craft, without any idea of infringing on the privileges of the typical worm, turned and rebelled against imposture. Examination proved that at least one half of these tales were based upon fraud, and that on an average the half million Masons of that day, on this side of the Atlantic, were taxed by the tramp for a yearly aggregate of a hundred thousand dollars. The General Relief Association came into existence with a fairly good roll of subscribers. Its machinery, carefully prepared, was set in motion, and the tramp saw that, for the future, when at the full meridian of his glory, he would be called to labor and never to refreshment, unless his hands exemplified the utterances of his lips. Every Lodge and Board of Relief was requested to report cases of imposture after investigation and undoubted proof. Month after month the list lengthened. The hundreds crept into thousands, and still trampdom kept up its march, and to-day twelve hundred tramps have been scheduled in the warning circulars of the Association. Reports show marvellous effects and that wherever the local lodges affiliate, imposture disappears. Places which disbursed thousands of dollars now give but hundreds, and in this jurisdiction in the Craft centres the tramp, faced with the warning circulars, finds his days numbered. A score of cases could be recalled—one as an example, where the tramp starting in at Montreal, with a stolen certificate, was followed by the system of the association through eastern cities. Then west of or near to Port Hope he found that he was being tracked. Fearful of detection in Toronto he made for Hamilton. He was identified by a railway official, a brother, who in an eastern lodge had heard of the case. Word

was sent to Toronto, and lodges west on the Southern division of the Grand Trunk railway were warned, and the fellow was caught and the stolen certificate taken from him at London. This tramp admitted having taken in over sixty dollars in six weeks besides his board and railway transportation. He was not a Mason and had stolen the certificate from a fellow-boarder in Montreal. Grand Lodge, I feel assured, will be gratified to learn that this association has rendered so excellent a service. Many jurisdictions are now following the example of Canada in supporting it. A few weeks ago the Grand Lodge of New York, with its eight hundred lodges and eighty thousand members, affiliated, and this year other leading jurisdictions are expected to join the ranks. The success so far has stimulated the association to greater efforts, and in order that the greatest good may be done to the greatest number, it has reduced the per capita tax one-half, from one cent to one-half cent, circulars being sent to each subordinate lodge as before. The results obtained by the work of this association are wonderful, and it is our interest to continue our subscription and give the association all the aid we can in its good work. In Toronto where before affiliation hundreds of dollars were paid out for tramp transients, the expenditure has been reduced seventy per cent., and a greater amount of good done to those who are worthy of relief. The guileless voice of those who in days that are past haunted the jurisdiction greets us at but intervals—few and far between.

LODGES IN ARREARS OF DUES.

Every year we find a list of lodges recorded as in arrears of dues to Grand Lodge—in amounts varying from \$10 to \$100—the gross sum overdue in some years ranging as high as \$1,000. Is it unreasonable if we insist on these lodges discharging their indebtedness? Excuses for non-payment are prolific. In certain instances lodges claim that they cannot pay as they have other obligations of a business character to meet. Some admit that, even if now prosperous, old indebtedness due to private individuals—members of the lodges—have first to be discharged, while others do not concern themselves particularly, but in a general way state that they cannot pay. Lodges in arrears are not given representation at Grand Lodge. This penalty does not, however, encourage promptitude in payment. Grand Lodge is expected to fulfil its obligations to the private lodges and, if Grand Officers neglect their duties, none are so prompt to criticise as brethren in many of the lodges referred to. In my opinion some more decided measures should be adopted. The rule of Grand Lodge for semi-annual returns and payments should be enforced and after fair warning, if engagements are not kept, if lodges will persist year after year in disregarding legitimate demands, their warrants should be suspended, pending payment. The cases are exceptional where dues to Grand Lodge cannot be paid if an ordinary effort were made to collect from the membership. It would, at least, not be unfair that the governing body should have a share of the moneys received by the lodge.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF PROXIES.

For fifteen years past the lodges represented by proxy, the proxy being held by members of other lodges, averages about 13 per cent. of those on the roll. This does not indicate a deep interest in the work, the more especially when we know that less than one-half of the lodges from 1877-1891, have been represented by even the W. M.'s. The privileges of representation by proxy have been and are yet liable to abuse, and brethren are sent to Grand Lodge as representatives from lodges that have given the proxy either at the personal solicitation or by the efforts

of friends. The motive of the applicant may be his love for the Craft work, or possibly his desire to see a brother elected to office either in a district or in Grand Lodge. While there are cases where proxy representation may be justifiable, yet in these days of reduced railway fares, when brethren can travel from one end of this province to the other at one rate, it would seem that all lodges should be represented, if not by W. M.'s by P. M.'s of the lodge in question. My view is that the system should be limited, and that proxies should only issue to P. M.'s of the lodge desiring representation, and not to P. M.'s of other lodges. I think the intention of this regulation is strained when lodges in the extreme west of the jurisdiction are represented by proxies held by members of lodges in the extreme east. It is not rash to affirm that the holders know nothing whatever of the views of the lodge represented on any question that may come before Grand Lodge. I recall one case where the election of a District Deputy Grand Master was decided by one vote, that of a proxy from an adjacent district. The selection made, however, was in this case an excellent one, but it might have been otherwise, and would thus have produced great dissatisfaction.

SUSPENDED LODGES.

During the past two years we have suspended certain lodges, and warrants have been returned, under which few if any meetings have been held for years. On examining the books of these lodges little satisfaction can be obtained as to the standing of the membership. In some cases brethren are in arrears of dues for periods varying from five to fifteen years, many declining to pay while the lodge was in a dormant condition, while in others brethren refuse to pay dues to careless and indifferent executive officers, whose memory sags at the point when dues are paid. I feel that there is a good deal of justice when brethren attend meeting after meeting and no quorum is present, and yet while in one way it is scarcely fair to remit dues which have honestly accrued, yet as the probabilities are favourable to the membership so in arrear affiliating with other lodges, I would suggest that Grand Lodge formulate a regulation for guidance in such cases.

A FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

The suggestion made last year in my address as to the convening of a fraternal congress, at which delegates from all the lodges of the continent might meet and discuss subjects of interest to the Craft, has been favourably received in many jurisdictions. A few leading writers in the American Masonic press, however, disapprove of the proposal as being a step in the direction of a Grand Lodge for the jurisdictions south of the boundary line, and further that so great is the diversity of opinion on many points that conference would be fruitless. It is needless for me to state that no such thought ever entered my mind. Such a scheme would not be acceptable as regards the Craft in this Dominion, and I certainly would not suggest to the jurisdictions south of us, action that would never be entertained in this jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the objections raised, the proposition is likely to materialize, for some American jurisdictions have heartily endorsed it, and have selected delegates for a congress at Chicago in the summer of 1893. The appointment of a delegate would be an honorary one, and as many of our brethren of Grand Lodge will certainly be in Chicago during the coming year, we can without expense have a number of delegates.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There is no more effective manner of disseminating correct work than through exemplification in lodges of instruction by competent officers.

These aids are invaluable to W.M.'s and other officers. Seven lodges have been held during the past year. The success was encouraging and the work was in nearly all cases perfect, the attendance excellent and much good accomplished. With the work as now revised there should be no excuse for imperfect renderings, and with the stimulus given to the general business of the Craft, the holding during the coming year of at least three lodges of instruction in each district, would return a rich harvest of workers. Along this line the thought is suggested that, if under careful supervision, permanent lodges of instruction were held at stated periods, once a month from October to May, in each of, say, five centres, in London, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston, and Ottawa, the best results would follow. Business and other engagements during the year call W.M.'s to these places, and the appointments might easily be made to suit the date selected. This proposal would, of course, be only auxiliary to similar meetings in other districts of the Craft.

REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED.

Our relations with all foreign jurisdictions are of the most harmonious character. We have exchanged representatives for the first time with the Grand Lodges of Switzerland. Some vacancies have occurred by death and resignation. Those in this jurisdiction near the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, Georgia, Indian Territory, and Washington, I have filled, as well as the vacancies for the Grand Jurisdictions of Alabama, Mississippi, California, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Tennessee, Virginia, and Switzerland, near this Grand Lodge. I trust that these appointments may meet with your approval and be confirmed. In connection with this exchange of representatives, which has been an old custom for Grand Lodge, I call attention to the fact that some of those on our roll representing foreign Grand Lodges have neither been in Grand Lodge nor in any private lodge in the jurisdiction for over ten years. The position of Grand Representative is an honorary one, and we have many earnest Craftsmen who would be glad to be named on this roll. By way of increasing our opportunities of recognizing worth, it might be well to limit brethren who accept this honor to one appointment. It has been and is in form at the present time for brethren to hold from two to five of these appointments. I have always thought that we should have an official communication once a year from our representatives at foreign Grand Bodies, and that representatives of other jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge should return the compliment. This year, I am glad to state, we have received a report from R.W. Bro. Chas. Khon, the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin.

CLANDESTINE MASONS.

My attention was called some months ago to the fact that a person who had been made a Mason in a clandestine organization in this Province was not only visiting but had affiliated and had been elected as an officer of a lodge in the sister Grand Jurisdiction of New York. I directed the Grand Secretary to report the matter to the Grand Lodge of New York, and was gratified to learn within a week that the name of the person complained of had been stricken from the roll of the subordinate lodge in New York. The Grand Master of New York refers to the matter in his annual address. His prompt and emphatic action will add another link to the chain of friendship which binds together two great jurisdictions.

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Two years ago a Committee on Constitution and Laws was added to the list of committees which, under the direction of the Board of General Purposes, prepare the business for Grand Lodge. It was understood by me that the duty of this committee was to see that the proposed amendments to the constitution were, if passed, incorporated in proper form in the constitution, so that it would harmonize, and this was undoubtedly the understanding of many brethren who assented to its appointment. The committee, however, viewed its duties in a different light. The amendments in the agenda paper were relegated to the committee, and its report was adopted by the Board and by Grand Lodge. My impression is that the members on the floor of Grand Lodge scarcely realized the form in which the report was presented. Every amendment was dealt with in a most decided and emphatic manner. No reasons were given for conclusions arrived at, and the well-meant efforts of intelligent brethren, whatever merits or demerits their proposals may have possessed, were not frankly judged by the varied findings that either the Board "cannot recommend the adoption," or that they "cannot see the necessity for the change" suggested by the amendments. Out of twenty proposed amendments, fifteen were adversely reported on, two were changed, on one no opinion was expressed, and one was reported upon favorably.

It seems to me that the Board, without due deliberation, dealt with matters beyond its power, and did not voice the views of Grand Lodge when it gave a bald opinion as to the advisability or inadvisability of the proposed amendments. The brethren who had interest enough to consider Grand Lodge legislation did not certainly dream that their proposals would be prejudiced by an expression from the Board of General Purposes. It appears to me that to continue this form of report in connection with the work of this committee would be doing an injustice to those who initiate legislation, and is unquestionably placing them at a disadvantage. It may be that we have in our eagerness to provide facilities for legislation imitated the formula of other organizations—surely not of Canadian foundation—for, to prejudice discussion and in advance of debate to surround a brother with difficulties, is not in harmony with the hereditary principles and skilful mechanism upon which the institution is founded, and is far removed from the views of the Craft pioneers of the old world, who, while recognizing constituted authority, swept away, as the leaf before the storm, any autocracy that would interfere with the sense of fairness or freedom of speech that should be accorded by man to man in any institution of British origin.

IS GRAND LODGE A REPRESENTATIVE BODY?

While the address of a Grand Master at the annual communication is, in part, a review of the work of the year, an account of his stewardship—is he not well within the circle of his duty when, with a fraternal desire to see the organization over which he has the honor to preside move upward and onward in its effort to accomplish larger results, he suggests changes which, perhaps in the near future, might be considered? During my visits to the lodges I have discussed with many of my brethren the system of Craft work and the general subjects that naturally present themselves to the minds of all who cherish regard and veneration for the institution, not only in its fraternal but in its business phases. It was to me one of the cheering features of my tour to pass an hour with my brethren after lodge or during my journeyings, converse and exchange views on Craft government. These discussions led

me into a line of thought that crystallizes when we look at a statistical table of the representation present at Grand Lodge from 1887 to 1891, which includes the number of lodges represented by Masters and Wardens, the Past Masters present and the vote by proxy. It is an interesting and important compilation.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Year.	No. of Lodges.	W. M.	W.	J. W.	P. M.	Proxy.	
1877....	319	122	27	14	178	51	St. Catharines.
1878....	325	141	42	23	179	26	Toronto.
1879....	334	99	12	14	123	63	Kingston.
1880....	340	117	25	27	171	47	Guelph.
1881....	346	168	41	33	223	32	Hamilton.
1882....	347	159	50	27	267	46	London.
1883....	349	132	18	13	174	64	Ottawa.
1884....	350	173	39	37	338	35	Toronto.
1885....	356	139	27	29	269	42	Hamilton.
1886....	357	136	26	25	322	54	Windsor.
1887....	357	131	18	16	233	52	Brockville.
1888....	355	160	55	16	422	33	Toronto.
1889....	354	124	27	32	248	57	Owen Sound.
1890....	354	137	37	22	282	62	Kingston.
1891....	348	183	53	41	417	35	Toronto.
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The figures establish the fact that during the past fifteen years the representation of lodges has averaged 141 out of an average total of 346 on the roll, or about 40 per cent., while the records show that an exceedingly small percentage of lodges were represented by the Wardens, and that those present were from lodges in the locality or immediate vicinity of the place where Grand Lodge convened. The figures show that there were present for the last fifteen years an average of 256 Past Masters, while for the past nine years the attendance of Past Masters has more than doubled that of the W. M's., and an examination of the proceedings shows that twenty-five per cent. of the lodges were represented by proxy. The latter calculation includes all proxies. Few lodges were represented by Wardens alone. With this statement before us, may we not ask the question as to whether Grand Lodge as at present constituted is a representative body, having a membership that knows the wants of the Craft and expresses the current thought of the lodges on the register? It has occurred to me for years that our organization is growing unwieldy and cumbersome, and that some day a change would have to be made, as has been effected in other jurisdictions with regard to representation. We are making every year an average of about two hundred and forty W. M's., who in time become Past Masters, and are members of Grand Lodge. The records show that in 1891 there were 348 lodges on the register and that there were 233 W. M's. elected. In 1890, with 354 lodges on the register, there were 256 new W. M's. elected. In 1889, with 354 lodges on the register, there were 225 new W. M's. elected; and in 1888, with 355 lodges on the register, there were 253 new W. M's. elected, showing that about 65 per cent. of the lodges elected new Masters each year. The subordinate lodge registers show that, with the exception of a few localities, the attendance of Past Masters at the monthly meetings is much below what it should be. Thus in a lodge with a roll of fifteen Past Masters less than three attend. There are parts of the jurisdiction where even

P.M.'s., officers and members of the Board of General Purposes are not remarkable for anything like regular attendance; indeed, in some cases they never pass the tyler from one end of the year to the other. Any system which allows a man's influence in the general assembly of the Craft to survive his interest in the subordinate work of the Craft is an abuse. Of the lodges represented over one-third include those within a radius of thirty miles of the place where Grand Lodge is held, and the proportion gets microscopic as one recedes from the centre. The same result may be obtained by looking at the roll of Past Masters registered and then examining the records and map of the jurisdiction. Looking at the subject as it presents itself to me, it merits consideration, and the question arises as to whether we would not have a more representative body, one that would be a direct reflex of Craft opinion and one that could transact the business of Grand Lodge more efficiently, if the lodges were represented by the Masters and Wardens, or by a P.M., being a member of the lodge concerned, as proxy in their absence. Other jurisdictions have adopted similar representation with considerable satisfaction. In American jurisdictions, twelve only out of thirty-five that I have personal knowledge of, extend, as we do, the privileges of membership in Grand Lodge to affiliated Past Masters. In the majority of cases those to whom the privilege is accorded are the Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Masters and the W.M.'s. and Wardens of subordinate lodges, or the lodge proxy—the latter, of course, a P.M. of the lodge. In a couple of instances, Kentucky and Virginia, the P.M.'s. collectively are given one vote, and in one case, West Virginia, the Past Grand Masters have to combine on a single vote. Of course, my proposal does not include any legislation that would be retro-active, or affect in any way the rights and privileges of those now entitled to seats in our Grand Communications. Hasty or precipitate action would not be advisable; indeed by the ordinary methods of our business some years would elapse before any change could be effected. In, I hope, the true spirit of fraternity, I present these views to my fellow Craftsmen, feeling that however much opinion may differ from either mine or those who agree with me, that what I have uttered will be taken in the spirit in which it is offered—the welfare, the prosperity and the common good of the brotherhood in this jurisdiction.

THE WORK OF BENEVOLENCE.

As I write on the subject of Benevolence, the wire brings the mournful news that the venerated Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, has passed away. His earnest and untiring labor, his love for an important portion of our work, earned for him our respect and confidence, and now that he has gone we join in sympathy with those that weep, and mourn the loss of one loyal to the Craft, who gave his time ungrudgingly to the fraternity, and who in all regards was a worthy Craftsman.

If there be one department of our Masonic work more than another that interests me, and demands—I use this word advisedly—your careful consideration, it is the benevolent feature. Eight years ago facts in my possession forced the thought that much of the annual relief we felt able to give to applicants was unwisely dispensed, perhaps not so much from want of care on the part of the Committee on Benevolence as lack of a fair understanding of the needs—the justness of the claims—of those applying. I urged on leading members of Grand Lodge that some systematized effort should be made, and that each claim should be personally examined by an officer of Grand Lodge.

My belief, based upon actual knowledge, was that lodges were, without due consideration, recommending grants that would never be entertained had they been in possession of the facts. My suggestion had sufficient cold water thrown upon it to almost drown me. Year after year I reiterated my suggestion, and finally I found during my term of Deputy Grand Master that I was not only not alone in my view, but that I had quite a respectable following. Fortified with facts, I advised Grand Lodge in my last message to the Craft to depute a special officer to investigate all claims. This has been done. The general report of this officer will be placed before you. His special report on each case is in the hands of the chairman of Benevolence and may be examined by any member of Grand Lodge. It carries with it complete and convincing vindication of my assertions and of the foresight exercised by Grand Lodge in having the inspection made. The first fruits of the examination are apparent from the fact that quite a large number of beneficiaries on the roll last year are not on the list this year, for in very many cases officers of lodges admitted to the examiner that claims made in the past by their lodges were not justified and the applications were consequently not repeated.

In examining the list of applications of 1892 and comparing it with that of 1891, I find there were 119 applications sent forward in 1891 that were not sent forward in 1892. Of these 119 about 75 had received more than one grant, and some of them have received from 15 to 20 grants. In all probability a large number of these would have been rejected long ago as not being in such circumstances as to require relief if an investigation had been made. I also find that of the applications forwarded in 1891 and 1892 no less than 52 are reported as not requiring relief. In most of these cases the grant has been made for several years, and our examiner is satisfied that in some of them a grant never should have been made, and in a majority of these cases where relief may have been required when the application was first sent in, the examiner states that he was justified in saying that it should have been discontinued years ago. It is impossible to estimate how much Grand Lodge has expended in money paid to applicants of this kind, but there seems to be no doubt that we are under the mark when we say from \$12,000 to \$15,000, indeed one brother, whose opinion is of value, thinks it would run up to \$20,000.

We have a number of cases of widows receiving aid, whose sons have joined the Craft. While this does not debar beneficiaries, yet in a way is it not a reflection upon the status of these brethren? Men join the Craft, pay their fees and dues, and in so doing, are supposed to be in easy circumstances. Surely if "a mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive" she who cradled us in infancy should be aided even before the luxury of joining the Craft is enjoyed. Those who can afford membership ought certainly to be able to contribute an amount equal to that drawn from our benevolent fund, and thus honour the supreme claim of those who are first entitled to their help.

We have also claims from applicants residing in foreign countries. The applications do not indicate that those recommending the claims know the merits of the cases they are interested in. Even the proper addresses are not always given. Some of these claims seem to be sent on the general principle that aid will be given at haphazard without enquiry.

We find occasionally cases in which brethren were unaffiliated at time of death. I think it wise to adhere to the rule that when a brother ceases to be a contributing member and withdraws from mem-

bership, he and those who come after him have no claim on the general charity of the Craft.

The rigid adherence to the rule that private lodges must assist beneficiaries before coming to Grand Lodge has been productive of most satisfactory results. This year a large amount in excess of that returned last year has been paid to beneficiaries by the private lodges. The amount contributed by Grand Lodge in each case is intended to amplify the amount given by the private lodges. This is the regulation of Grand Lodge passed by yourselves. Charity begins at home. It should not seek to shoulder on Grand Lodge that share of an obligation that properly belongs to the private lodges. No man of the twenty thousand on our roll will go further than I will to advise aid where the claim is a just one, but here I stop and urge you to do likewise. Give to those who need and open wide the purse. See that the widow in her lonely home with her little ones at her knee is aided as far as our means will permit, first by the subordinate lodge, then by Grand Lodge, but let us entertain no claims from those who are not pinched for means or who derive a decent income from either business enterprise or wealthy friends. Giving aid to the unworthy does a grave injustice to those who, it is our pride to think, have a claim upon us. Indiscriminate liberality—prodigality, in fact—makes the legitimate claimants to our charity realize in their own experience that “unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.”

THE APPOINTMENT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Speaking to you in this assembly, where those whom we mourn have so often met with us, I realize, as you must all realize, the utter helplessness of words to voice the sadness which fills our hearts as we read the roll of the dead. Without intruding upon the duties of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead may I not speak of one familiar face which has gone from amongst us, one who for twenty years past has sat side by side with us in annual communication—the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge. Praise of Edward Mitchell is indeed superfluous. Of him it may be said that in the daily walk of life he printed the best eulogy of his character on the memories of each one of those who knew him, whether the acquaintance were long or short. It was an unsought and, therefore, just tribute to his worth. What more can I say? The lips of friendship are powerless to add to or take from the praise which our memories record in letters of unfading grief.

The death of R. W. Bro. Mitchell, in February last, vacated the office of Grand Treasurer. In order that the business of Grand Lodge in this department might go on uninterruptedly, I appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to act in this capacity until this communication of Grand Lodge.

LODGES INSTITUTED AND DEDICATED.

The lodge rooms at Sault Ste. Marie, Port Lambton, Amherstburg, Centerville and Mattawa have been dedicated with Craft ceremonial. Having to officiate on one of these occasions I realised, as one of my predecessors has remarked, the utter inadaptability of our ritual for the ceremony of dedicating a hall, and for the instituting and consecration of lodges. In the latter case one has to use a ritual that is comparatively barren and unsuited for the purpose, while in the former the consecration ceremony has to be reconstructed so that it may be utilized for dedication services. Our burial service is in some re-

spects not in harmony with the principles taught in Masonic work, and should be revised. I would therefore suggest that as the committee on the work rendered such signal service last year, the revisions suggested be considered at the earliest opportunity.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statements show our receipts as being \$20,359.77, our expenditure as \$14,345.73. The decrease in expenditure last year is accounted for by the reduced number of beneficiaries. The investments of Grand Lodge are in a satisfactory condition, and it would be well to act upon the recommendation of the Grand Treasurer, that a further sum of \$5,000 be invested in such securities as may be determined on. The statements presented show in detail the expenditure, the receipts and the investments. Heretofore the payments on all accounts have been made by an order signed by the President of the Board, issued by the Grand Secretary, but with only one signature on the order. It occurred to me when Deputy Grand Master, and also since that time, that this form of order was inconvenient. It does not contain the name of the bank drawn on, and I know of many cases where beneficiaries have experienced trouble in cashing the order, in fact where it was refused when offered to those with whom they were dealing. I would suggest that an official cheque be adopted, to be drawn and signed by the Grand Secretary and countersigned by the President of the Board of General Purposes, payable at any agency of the bank in which the account is kept.

The contract for printing expires next year. I would recommend that tenders be secured during the year for not only the printing but for the stationery and other supplies required for the ensuing three years.

While the system of bookkeeping adopted many years ago in connection with the dispensation of benevolence was not unsuited, in some regards it would be well to reconsider the method. The illness and subsequent death of the chairman of that committee prevented a consultation with him on the subject. I think it would be well if the Finance Committee and that on Benevolence would meet and give the matter careful consideration.

REPORTS OF THE D. D. G. M.'s.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters contain a detailed review and confirm the view I have expressed of the state of the lodges. We should be generous in our criticisms of the self-imposed task of brethren who earnestly engage in the work of inspection. We are not gifted alike, and none are blessed with all the characteristics that make a perfect critic, and yet with the experience of the past no officer in charge of a district should have much difficulty in arriving at conclusions. The reports of the D. D. G. M.'s this year are diversified in character, and while some accurately gauge the actual condition, others, apparently dazzled by outward excitement and the happy welcome of the brethren, hesitate to stand on the vantage ground of truth and give Grand Lodge the message they ought to deliver. When brethren are anxious for honor and willingly assume the duty of instructing brethren, they should not require a supply of nerve food to tone them up as they review the work of each lodge. Some of these reports are strong, and show an excellent conception of the work. Others hesitate to exhibit their deep-seated desire to criticise; a few are written with the view of pleasing all concerned, and one or two are built upon the principle that the deepest truths are best read between

the lines. Perhaps under the present system of selecting district officers we cannot expect better results. The D. D. G. M. is the immediate representative of the Grand Master, and while the latter has the privilege of refusing the nomination of the district, yet that is a power that it would be most inadvisable to exercise. I may be singular in my opinion, but I do feel that when the appointment comes from the Grand East, if it ever does, it will give those selected new strength and courage, for then they will be freed of the influences by which they are fettered when they owe position to the suffrages of the constituency they are asked to criticise. In twenty out of thirty of the American jurisdictions where D. D. G. M.'s are included in the list of officers, they are in every case, with one exception—that of Vermont—appointed by the Grand Master.

A WORK THAT APPEALS TO ALL OF US.

Very near my heart is one of the great charities of this province, a work which commends itself to every man and woman in the land, a charity which, I feel assured, has the earnest sympathy and well-wishes of every craftsman in this Grand Communication. While those who in manhood's prime, stricken by sickness, claim our kindest care, who is there among you all whose heart does not go out in tender sympathy for the sick and ailing little ones—those who cannot help themselves? For this work the Hospital for Sick Children of Toronto stands erect to-day, and as a provincial charity with outstretched arms, gathers in its embrace little sufferers, thus giving relief and health to many whose lives have always been in shadow, and who, perhaps, have never heard a kindly word or seen a friendly smile. Ten years ago, The Lakeside Home for Little Children, a convalescent branch of the Hospital for Sick Children, was founded, the presentation being made to those in charge, on condition that the sick child of any member in any lodge on the roll of this jurisdiction should be forever free to this charity. The work began and prospered, and many of the lodges have shown their practical sympathy by contributing towards its support. My wish is to further identify the Craft rather than myself with the work, and if no objections be made I desire that the amount of \$500 to the credit of the Grand Master for 1891, be handed to the Trustees of the Hospital, as the first fruits of a fund I propose increasing this year with the amount at the credit of the Grand Master for expenses, and a further sum of \$4,000, for the maintenance of a ward, which may enlist the sympathy of some of the Craftsmen who desire to assist in this charity. A natural diffidence inspires me when I refer to a line of work which is almost the day dream of my life—a fear that possibly some critic, if there be one in human kind—might attribute motives other than those which truly prompt me to this act. Impelled, however, by the thought that the twenty thousand Craftsmen of this jurisdiction, two-thirds of whom I have shaken by the hand, are prompted by that feeling, which in days of sickness and sorrow makes all flesh kin, and with a desire to exemplify in my life, with its many failings, one of the great principles upon which the Order is founded, conscious of my own sincerity, I ask that what I have uttered may be taken in the spirit in which it is offered.

THE POSITION OF GRAND MASTER.

My brethren, no man who ever occupied this position appreciates the honor more than I do. Circumstances and opportunity seem to have so combined that I have had a welcome—a most generous one—in every Craft home in this jurisdiction. For two years I have had your con-

fidence and if, perchance, in the management of the work, I have not had all my ideals realized, my endeavor has been to guide my brethren in the spirit that should actuate all whom you entrust with the highest gift in your power to confer. The position of the Grand Master of the Craft of Masons in any jurisdiction is one regarded as most honorable. While in the ordinary routine of business and political life the ambitions of our worldly desires can be readily satisfied, it is given to but few to rule in the Grand East, and there is no position which commands a greater respect from the world at large than that of Grand Master of the great Masonic fraternity. The custom of a two years' term has prevailed for many years in this jurisdiction. The principle is one which commends itself to me.

The truth is, my brethren, that the powers of a Grand Master are so circumscribed, that I do not see how I could add one ounce to the weight of service which I have tried to render you. The tireless energy that sees and tries to correct abuses may be good to the Craft at large, but it is not a quality which smooths the journey of a Grand Master. The tendency—mark you, I do not say mistaken tendency—is to let well enough alone. I have not been always able to assume that whatever is, is right, and the faculty of seeing wrong and having one's desire to right the wrong smothered by hallowed forces of tradition and usage would render the best of men uncomfortable. I say this in no complaining spirit. Written on my heart is the memory of the enthusiastic welcome, the earnest appreciation and the sincere attention, which have greeted me everywhere I have met with the rank and file of the Craft face to face. My best purposes have been strengthened by these tokens of care for the truest interests of Masonry. I am satisfied that the voice of the Craft will never withhold the word of earnest praise from the man of action who works in the Grand East. His ideas of duty may collide with their views of privilege or right, but finally they will accord him a place which could be won by no gilded idler. As I stand here my head and heart glow with the remembrance of the many acts of kindness that have crowned my two years. The little annoyances, the worrying criticism, fade in the distance, and I recall only the generous appreciation which has been the rule—not the exception—in my career. It is in this spirit that I definitely and decidedly take leave of you as your Grand Master.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded, by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the Address of the W. M. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.


M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, with return of subordinate lodges as at June 24, 1892, and ledger balances to May 31, 1892, together with, by the instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of Especial Communications summoned, decisions given during the year, dispensations issued, warrants issued and returned,

by-laws approved, Grand Representatives appointed, official visits, and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts and expenditures from 1st June, 1891, to 31st May, 1892, have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Certificates \$ 3,026 00	Grand Secretary's salary... \$1,600 00
Dues 11,031 75	Grand Secretary's assistant's salary 800 00
Fees 1,755 25	Grand Treasurer's salary... 200 00
Dispensations..... 184 00	Rent of Grand Secretary's office 175 00
Warrants..... 30 00	Miss Place, Stenographer, salary to 8th April, 1892. 120 00
Constitutions..... 486 50	Paraphernalia for laying corner stone, including customs duties..... 351 48
Commutation Fees 280 00	Mrs. Hodd, repairing regalia..... 10 50
Past Masters' Certificates. 10 00	W. G. Rigsby, affiliation fee 5 00
Interest 3,207 52	Grand Secretary, balance of Incidentals to 31st May, 1891..... 30 57
Miscellaneous..... 348 75	Grand Secretary, advance for Incidentals to 31st May, 1892..... 400 00
	J. B. Trayes, printing Past Masters' Certificates..... 75 00
	Times Printing Co., sundry printing 367 05
	Hunter, Rose & Co., balance of printing account for 1891..... 53 35
	Hunter, Rose & Co., on account printing 1892-93... 1,800 00
	Copp, Clark & Co., printing Certificates, etc 577 50
	Chairman of Benevolence, postages, etc 30 00
	Grand Master, postages, telegrams, etc 100 00
	Committee on Foreign Correspondence..... 100 00
	Expenses Board of General Purposes 796 70
	R. Duncan & Co., stationery 39 80
	Illuminated address to P. G. M. Walkem 40 00
	Masonic Relief Association, U.S. and Canada..... 209 00
	Rent Opera House, Annual Meeting G. L..... 125 00
	H. Barnard, Remington Type-Writer..... 120 00
	Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond..... 50 00
	W. A. Muir, assistance in Grand Secretary's office.. 20 00
Carried forward..... \$20,359 77	Carried forward..... \$7,965 95

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$20,359 77	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$7,965 95
		Rolph Smith & Co., station- ery for Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master...	14 00
		Ellis & Moore, Circulars for Grand Master.....	21 30
		G. Secretary, sundry expen- ses at Grand Lodge.....	42 83
		W. H. Ferguson, boxes for paraphernalia.....	30 25
		Expenses investigation at Campbellford.....	23 90
		R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon on account services and ex- penses investigation <i>re</i> be- nevolence	350 00
		Insurance on regalia.....	17 50
		Orders on Benevolence.....	5,880 00
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			\$14,345 73
	\$20,359 77		

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By the direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Commun-
ications of Grand Lodge were called :

On the 9th of September, 1891, at the Village of Meyersburg, for the
purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Methodist Church,
R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, D. D. G. M., of the Thirteenth Masonic
District, acting as Grand Master.

On the 11th of May, 1892, at the town of Amherstburg, for the pur-
pose of laying the foundation stone of the new Methodist Church, R.
W. Bro. Benjamin Paine, D. D. G. M., of the First Masonic District,
acting as Grand Master.

On the 11th of June, 1892, at the town of Merritton, for the purpose
of laying the foundation stone of the new Anglican Church, M. W. Bro.
Hugh Murray acting as Grand Master.

On the 16th of June, 1892, at the town of Owen Sound, for the pur-
pose of laying the foundation stone of the new Marine and General Hos-
pital, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G. M., presiding.

On the 29th of June, 1892, at the village of Ballaghknow, near Lans-
downe, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new
Anglican Church, in the Township of Yonge, R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell,
D. D. G. M., of the Fifteenth Masonic District, acting as Grand
Master.

WARRANTS RETURNED.

The following lodges have returned their warrants to the M. W. the
Grand Master :—

On the 19th of October, 1891, Craig Lodge, No. 214, Ailsa Craig, in
the Fourth Masonic District.

On the 19th of November, 1891, Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville,
in the Thirteenth Masonic District.

On the 26th of February, 1892, Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Spring-
field, in the Third Masonic District.

AMALGAMATIONS OF LODGES.

On the 18th of December, 1891, Beaver Lodge, No. 83, and Euclid
Lodge, No. 366, of Strathroy, amalgamated under the name of Beaver
Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, in the Second Masonic District.

On the 19th of January, 1892, St. John's Lodge, No. 340, Pittsburg, and Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque, amalgamated under the name of Leeds, No. 201, Gananoque, in the Fourteenth Masonic District.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The M. W. the Grand Master issued on the given dates dispensations for the following lodges:—

Oct. 13th, 1891, to Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, in the Seventeenth District.

April 30th, 1892, to Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, in the Twelfth District.

May 7th, 1892, to Port Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, in the Fifth District.

June 16th, 1892, to Acacia Lodge, East Toronto, in the Eleventh District.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

The M. W. the Grand Master has declined to grant dispensations for new lodges in the following localities:

On Oct. 16th, 1891, for a lodge at Gore Bay, in the Seventeenth District.

On April 27th, 1892, for a lodge at Dundalk, in the Ninth District.

On May 21st, 1892, to revive the warrant of Ridout Lodge, Otterville, in the Sixth District.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master the following halls have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the year:—

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, on the 13th of August, 1891, by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, officiating as Grand Master.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Port Lambton, on November 10th, 1892, R. W. Bro. W. D. Griggs, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, on the 10th of February, 1892, R. W. Bro. E. Allworth, P. D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa, on April 13th, 1892, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, officiating.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville, on June 24th, 1892, R. W. Bro. S. C. Warner, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

APPOINTMENTS.

In consequence of the death of R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, the M. W. the Grand Master, on February 27th, 1892, appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray as acting Grand Treasurer until this annual communication of Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren, upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, have been appointed Grand Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Canada:—

R. W. Bro. Wm. Hamilton, of Kingston, for the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

R. W. Bro. F. M. Morson, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn.

R. W. Bro. G. H. F. Dartnell, of Whitby, for the Grand Lodge of Alabama, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman.

V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, M.D., of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of California, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, of Pembroke, for the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. David McLellan.

R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Davis, of London, for the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. David McLellan.

R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, of Barrie, for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in place of R. W. Bro. Geo. S. Birrell, who has left the jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, of London, for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman.

R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, of Newmarket, for the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in place of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, resigned.

And on the recommendation of the respective foreign Grand Masters, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed the following Representatives of this Grand Lodge, near the respective foreign Grand Lodges:—

Bro. Chas. Gerster, of Berne, near the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

M. W. Bro. John S. Davidson, of Augusta, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

M. W. Bro. John Rennie, of Savannah, near the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory

M. W. Bro. James E. Edmiston, of Dayton, near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

REVISION OF LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the by-laws of each of the following lodges:

Oct. 3rd, 1891.....	St. John's	No. 40, Hamilton.
Nov. 2nd, 1891.....	Robertson	" 292, Nobleton.
Nov. 19th, 1891.....	Stanley	" 426, West Toronto J.
Nov. 25th, 1891.....	Prince Edward	" 18, Picton.
Dec. 8th, 1891.....	Composite	" 30, Whitby.
Dec. 14th, 1891.....	Maple Leaf	" 103, St. Catharines.
Dec. 19th, 1891.....	Ontario	" 26, Whitby.
Dec. 19th, 1891.....	Zurich	" 224, Hensall.
Dec. 23rd, 1891.....	Mimico	" 369, L. Mills.
Dec. 24th, 1891.....	Cataraqui	" 92, Kingston.
Jan. 22nd, 1892.....	St. Clair	" 425, Pt. Lambton.
April 20th, 1892.....	Stratford	" 332, Stratford.
April 22nd, 1892.....	Brougham U.	" 268, Brougham.
April 23rd, 1892.....	New Hope	" 279, Hespeler.
May 6th, 1892.....	Havelock	" 238, Watford.
May 13th, 1892.....	Leeds	" 201, Cananoque.
May 21st, 1892.....	Grand River	" 151, Berlin.
May 21st, 1892.....	Humber	" 305, Weston.
May 25th, 1892.....	Huron	" 392, Camlachie.
May 30th, 1892.....	Lorne	" 404, Tamworth.
June 1st, 1892.....	Arkona Lodge	" 307, Arkona.
June 1st, 1892.....	Petrolia	" 194, Petrolia.
June 17th, 1892.....	St. Alban's	" 200, Mt. Forest.
June 17th, 1892.....	Wellington	" 271, Chatham.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges:

Aug. 31st, 1891.....	Caledonian	No. 249, Midland.
Aug. 31st, 1891.....	Spry	" 385, Beeton.
Oct. 13th, 1891.....	Temple	" 296, St. Catharines.
Oct. 22nd, 1891.....	Zeta	" 410, Toronto.
Nov. 7th, 1891.....	Union	" 9, Napanee.
Nov. 9th, 1891.....	Blenheim	" 108, Princeton.

Nov. 27th, 1891.....	St. John's	No. 209a, London.
Dec. 9th, 1891.....	Minerva	" 304, Stroud.
Dec. 26th, 1891.....	Treat	" 38, Trent.
Jan. 8th, 1892.....	St. John's	" 17, Cobourg.
Jan. 23rd, 1892.....	Harristoun	" 262, Harristoun.
Feb. 6th, 1892.....	Civil Service	" 148, Ottawa.
Feb. 15th, 1892.....	Galt	" 257, Galt
April 6th, 1892.....	Nipissing	" 420, North Bay.
April 7th, 1892.....	Rehoboam	" 65, Toronto.
May 21st, 1892.....	Minden	" 253, Kingston.

I have issued, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following dispensations from 3rd July, 1891, to 8th July, 1892.

DATE, 1891.	No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	For What Granted.
July 3rd.....	403	Murray	To Attend Church.
" 4th.....	171	Prince of Wales	" Attend Church.
" 11th.....	357	Waterdown	" Instal Officers
" 25th.....	183	Prince Albert	" Instal Officers.
Aug. 7th.....	197	Saugeen.....	" Initiate Candidate before leav'g for U.S
" 11th.....	200	St. Alban's	" Instal Officers.
" 20th.....	57	Harmony	" Attend Church.
Nov. 30th.....	316	Doric	" Attend a Conversazione.
Dec. 5th.....	326	Zetland	" Change Date of Meeting.
" 7th.....	159	Goodwood	" Instal Officers.
" 9th.....	371	Prince of Wales	" Instal Officers.
" 10th.....	287	Shuniah.....	" Attend Church.
" 10th.....	287	"	" Attend a Ball.
" 11th.....	346	Occident	" Attend an Entertainment.
" 16th.....	364	Dufferin.....	" Instal Officers.
" 17th.....	18	Prince Edward	" Instal Officers.
" 17th.....	14	True Britons	" Instal Officers.
" 18th.....	277	Seymour	" Attend a Social Assembly.
" 19th.....	128	Pembroke	" Attend a Conversazione and Ball.
" 19th.....	145	J. B. Hall	" Attend Church.
" 21st.....	159	Goodwood.....	" Attend a Concert.
Dec. 21st.....	93	Northern Light	" Attend Church.
" 21st.....	93	"	" Attend an Entertainment.
" 23rd.....	121	Doric	" Attend Church.
" 23rd.....	292	Robertson.....	" Instal Officers.
" 24th.....	249	Caledonian	" Elect and Instal Officers.
" 24th.....	332	Maple Leaf	" Instal Officers.
" 24th.....	221	Mountain	" Instal Officers.
" 26th.....	97	Sharon	" Instal Officers.
" 26th.....	406	Thos Spry	" Instal Officers.
" 28th.....	222	Marmora.....	" Instal Officers.
" 29th.....	10	Norfolk	" Instal Officers.
" 29th.....	217	Frederick.....	" Instal Officers.
" 29th.....	207	Lancaster.....	" Attend a Concert.
" 31st.....	326	Zetland	" Attend an At Home.
Jan 2nd.....	127	Franck	" Instal Officers.
" 2nd.....	348	Georgian.....	" Instal Officers.
" 4th.....	383	Henderson.....	" Instal Officers.
" 5th.....	303	Humber.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 6th.....	354	Brock.....	" Instal Officers.
" 7th.....	163	Merritt	" Attend Ball
" 7th.....	290	Leamington	" Instal Officers.
" 8th.....	155	Peterborough	" Attend an At-Home.
" 9th.....	113	Wilson.....	" Instal Officers.
" 11th.....	76	Oxford.....	" Instal Officers.
" 14th.....	400	Oakville.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 18th.....	425	St. Clair.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 18th.....	27	Strict Observance	" Attend a Conversazione
" 19th.....	268	Verulam	" Instal Officers.
" 25th.....	295	Conestoga.....	" Instal Officers.
" 27th.....	156	York	" Attend an At-Home.
Feb. 2nd.....	90	Manitou.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 4th.....	185	Enniskillen	" Instal Officers.

DISPENSATIONS—*Continued.*

DATE, 1891.	No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	For What Granted.
" 19th....	116	Central.....	To Attend an At-Home.
" 19th....	125	Cornwall.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 26th....	21a	St. John's	" Instal Officers.
Mch. 3rd....	233	Doric.....	" Held a Reception.
" 14th....	186	Plantagenet	" Instal Officers.
Apl. 14th....	218	Stevenson	" Attend an At-Home.
" 30th....	247	Ashlar.....	" Change Date of Meeting.
May 9th....	272	Seymour.....	" Initiate a Serving Brother.
" 30th....	...	D.D.G.M. 15th Dist..	" Heal Thomas Morrison.
June 10th....	203	Irvine.....	" Elect Officers.
" 18th....	18	Prince Edward	" Attend Church.
" 18th....	126	Golden Rule.....	" Attend a Masonic Demonstration.
" 30th....	409	Golden Rule.....	" Attend Church.
" 30th....	168	Merritt	" Attend Church.
" 20th....	247	Ashlar.....	" Change Date of Meeting.
" 21st....	332	Stratford	" Attend Church.
" 29th....	455	St. Clair	" Attend Church.
July 5th....	63	Northern Light	" Attend Church.
" 5th....	93	" "	" Decorate Graves of Deceased Brethren.

The M. W. the Grand Master has during the year paid the following official visits to the lodges in the jurisdiction:—

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Yr.	D	M'th.	Hour.	Route.	Place.	Lodge.	Number	Dist.	Occasion of visit.	No. of visit.	Miles trav'd.
1892	11	Jan.	11.30 a.m.	Toronto to	Leamington	Leamington	290	1st	Address and lecture	1	270
"	11	"	2.30 p.m.	"	Windsor	St. George	41	1st	"	2	8
"	11	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Windsor	G. Western, Windsor	47-403	1st	"	3-4	50
"	12	"	10.00 a.m.	"	Comber	Parvaim	395	1st	"	5	28
"	12	"	2.30 p.m.	"	Tilbury Centre	Naphtali	413	1st	"	6	7
"	12	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Hiligate	Hiligate	336	1st	"	7	38
"	13	"	10.00 a.m.	"	Rodney	Rodney	411	1st	"	8	8
"	13	"	2.30 p.m.	"	West Lorne	McCall	386	1st	"	9	8
"	13	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Dutton	Cameron	232	3rd	"	10	11
"	14	"	10.00 a.m.	"	Iona	Prince of Wales	171	3rd	"	11	5
"	14	"	4.00 p.m.	"	Port Stanley	St. Mark's	94	3rd	"	12	6
"	14	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Spartan	Spartan	176	3rd	"	13	15
"	15	"	2.00 p.m.	"	Port Burwell	Oriental	181	6th	"	14	20
"	15	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Port Rowan	Walsingham	174	6th	"	15	21
"	16	"	16.00 a.m.	"	Vittoria	Vittoria	359	6th	"	16	12
"	16	"	2.00 p.m.	"	Port Dover	Erie	149	6th	"	17	13
"	16	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Jarvis	King Solomon	329	10th	"	18	9
"	18	"	8.30 p.m.	"	Hagersville	Hiram	319	10th	"	19	15
"	18	"	11.00 a.m.	"	Caledonia	St. Andrews	62	8th	"	20	10
"	18	"	2.00 p.m.	"	York	Ennskillen	185	10th	"	21	8
"	18	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Binbrook	Harmony	57	8th	"	22	10
"	19	"	10.00 a.m.	"	Stoney Creek	Wentworth	166	8th	"	23	10
"	19	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Woodstock	King Solomon's, Oxford	43-76	6th	"	24-25	54
"	20	"	10.30 a.m.	"	Inniskip	Oak Branch	261	6th	"	26	10
"	20	"	3.00 p.m.	"	Embro	Thistle	250	6th	"	27	15
"	20	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Thamesford	King Solomon's	394	3rd	"	28	50
"	21	"	10.30 a.m.	"	Dorchester Station	Merrill	344	3rd	"	29	5
"	21	"	2.00 p.m.	"	Nilestown	Nilestown	345	3rd	"	30	4
"	21	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Harrietsville	Moffat	399	3rd	"	31	125
"	25	"	10.00 a.m.	Toronto to	Streetsville	River Park	356	11th	"	32	12
"	25	"	2.00 p.m.	"	Milton	Mimico	369	11th	"	33	1
"	25	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Ayr	Ayr	172	7th	"	34	36
"	26	"	10.00 a.m.	"	Plattsville	Plattsville	178	6th	"	35	10
"	26	"	1.30 p.m.	"	N. Hamburg	New Dominion	205	4th	"	36	8
"	26	"	3.00 p.m.	"	Baden	Wilmot	318	4th	"	37	44
"	26	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Berlin	The Grand River	151	7th	"	38	11

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Yr.	D	M'th.	Hour.	Route.	Place.	Lodge.	Number.	Dist.	Occasion of visit.	No. of Visits.	P. of Sta.	Miles Tr'd
1892	27	Jan	2.00 p.m.	.....	Lucan	Irving	154	4th	Address and lecture	39	1	52
"	27	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Bryanston	Middlesex	370	3rd	"	40	1	6
"	28	"	10.30 a.m.	.....	Thedford	Cassia	116	2nd	"	41	1	21
"	28	"	3.00 p.m.	.....	Cambridge	Huron	392	2nd	"	42	1	26
"	28	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Sarnia	Victoria	56	2nd	"	43	1	184
"	1	Feb	9.30 a.m.	Toronto to	Chesterville	Chesterville	320	15th	"	44	1	257
"	1	"	2.00 p.m.	.....	Winchester	Henderson	383	15th	"	45	1	6
"	1	"	7.00 p.m.	.....	Kemptville	Mt. Zion	28	15th	"	46	1	18
"	2	"	10.00 a.m.	.....	Merrickville	Merrickville	55	15th	"	47	1	31
"	2	"	3.00 p.m.	.....	N. Augusta	C. Fountain	389	15th	"	48	1	12
"	3	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Maitland	St. James'	74	15th	"	49	1	12
"	3	"	10.00 a.m.	.....	Lanark	Evergreen	209	16th	"	50	1	58
"	3	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Arnprior	Madawaska	196	16th	"	51	1	70
"	4	"	10.45 a.m.	.....	Alton	Mississippi	147	16th	"	52	1	25
"	4	"	3.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Carleton Place	St. John's	63	16th	"	53	1	239
"	8	"	2.00 p.m.	Toronto to	Orono	Orono	325	12th	"	54	1	71
"	8	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Newcastle	Durham	66	12th	"	55	1	15
"	9	"	2.00 p.m.	.....	Millbrook	J. B. Hall	145	12th	"	56	1	50
"	9	"	9.00 p.m.	.....	Norwood	Norwood	223	12th	"	57	1	40
"	10	"	2.30 p.m.	.....	Warkworth	Perey	161	12th	"	58	1	45
"	10	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Cambridgeford	Golden Rule	126	13th	"	59	1	25
"	11	"	10.30 a.m.	.....	Keene	Keene	374	12th	"	60	1	23
"	11	"	6.30 p.m.	.....	Roslin	Myrtle	278	13th	"	61	1	10
"	12	"	11.00 a.m.	.....	Harrowsmith	Albion	109	14th	"	62	1	115
"	12	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Ameliasburg	An. St. John's Cat'qui, Minden	8-92-253	14th	"	63-65	3	15
"	13	"	2.30 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Belleville	Lake	215	14th	"	66	1	70
"	13	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto to	Bracebridge	Moira, The Belleville, Eureka	11-123-283	14th	"	67-69	3	140
"	15	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	North Bay	Muskoka	300	9th	"	70	1	121
"	16	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Orillia	Nipissing	420	16th	"	71	1	106
"	17	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Midland	Orillia	192	9th	"	72	1	141
"	18	"	2.00 p.m.	.....	Penetang	Caledonian	249	9th	"	73	1	32
"	18	"	7.00 p.m.	.....	Stroud	Georgian	348	9th	"	74	1	4
"	19	"	10.00 a.m.	.....	Cookstown	Manitoba	304	9th	"	75	1	64
"	19	"	3.00 p.m.	.....	Alliston	Seven Star	236	9th	"	76	1	32
"	19	"	8.00 p.m.	Schomberg	Union	285	9th	"	77	1	20
"	20	"	10.00 a.m.	Schomberg	Union	118	11th	"	78	1	6

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1892	20	Feb.	2.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Nobleton	Robertson	292	11th	Address and lecture	79	1	16
"	20	"	7.00 p.m.	Toronto to	Richmond Hill	Richmond	23	11th	"	80	1	31
"	22	"	2.00 p.m.	"	Niagara-on-the-Lk	Niagara	3	10th	"	81	1	72
"	22	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Port Dalhousie	Seymour	277	10th	"	82	1	15
"	23	"	11.00 a.m.	"	Port Robinson	Myrtle	337	10th	"	83	1	20
"	23	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Toronto	Ashlar	247	11th	21st Anniversary..	84	1	82
"	24	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto to	Clifton	Clifton	904	10th	Address and lecture	85	1	80
"	25	"	10.30 a.m.	"	Welland	Merritt, Copesstone	108-373	10th	"	86-87	2	60
"	25	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Delhi	Frederick	217	6th	"	88	1	54
"	26	"	11.30 a.m.	"	Springfield	Springfield	259	3rd	"	89	1	64
"	26	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Melbourne	Dufferin	264	2nd	"	90	1	40
"	27	"	10.00 a.m.	"	Alvinston	Alvinston	323	2nd	"	91	1	16
"	27	"	2.00 p.m.	"	Napier	Ionio	328	2nd	"	92	1	10
"	27	"	8.15 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Oil Springs	Alexandra	158	2nd	"	93	1	107
"	29	"	8.30 a.m.	Toronto to	Brigden	Leopold	397	2nd	"	94	1	140
"	29	"	3.30 p.m.	"	Port Lambton	St. Clair	425	2nd	"	95	1	20
"	29	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Wallaceburg	Pnyx	312	2nd	"	96	1	195
"	1	Mar.	3.00 p.m.	Toronto to	Thamesville	Tecumseh	245	1st	"	97	1	185
"	1	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Wardsville	The Hammond	327	1st	"	98	1	20
"	2	"	3.00 p.m.	"	Arkona	Arkona	307	2nd	"	99	1	11
"	2	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Petrollea	Washington, Petrollea	194-260	2nd	"	100-101	2	44
"	3	"	10.30 a.m.	"	Wyoming	Burns	153	2nd	"	102	1	21
"	3	"	3.00 p.m.	"	Lambeth	St. Paul's	107	3rd	"	103	1	10
"	3	"	8.00 p.m.	"	London	{ St. John's, St. George, Kil- winning, Tuscan, St. John's, Corinthian, King Solomon's Union	20-42 64- 195-209a 380-378- 380	3rd	"	104-110	8	44
"	4	"	12 noon	"	Princeton	Blenheim	108	6th	"	111	1	40
"	4	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Ingersoll	King Hiram, St. John's	37-76	6th	"	112-113	2	97
"	4	"	8.00 p.m.	To Weston and r'n	Weston	Humber	305	11th	"	114	1	16
"	5	"	1.00 p.m.	Toronto to	Fergus	Merced	347	7th	"	115	1	64
"	7	"	8.30 p.m.	"	Palmerston	Blair	414	7th	"	116	1	27
"	8	"	9.00 a.m.	"	Forwich	Forwich	331	5th	"	117	1	12
"	8	"	11.30 a.m.	"	Wroxeter	Forest	162	5th	"	118	1	7
"	8	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Southampton	St. Lawrence	131	5th	"	119	1	40
"	8	"	2.30 p.m.	"	Tiverton	Bruce	341	5th	"	120	1	20

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1892	9	Mar	8.00 p.m.	Kincardine.....	N. Light.....	93	5th	Address and lecture	121	12
"	10	"	9.30 a.m.	Brussels.....	St. John's.....	284	5th	"	122	39
"	10	"	1.00 p.m.	.....	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	303	4th	"	123	12
"	10	"	7.00 p.m.	.....	Seaforth.....	Britannia.....	170	4th	"	124	39
"	11	"	9.30 a.m.	.....	Hensall.....	Zorich.....	224	4th	"	125	12
"	11	"	3.00 p.m.	.....	Lobo.....	Doric.....	289	3rd	"	126	32
"	11	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Strathroy.....	Beaver.....	83	2nd	"	127	149
"	12	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	.....	Mimico.....	369	11th	"	128	24
"	12	"	8.00 p.m.	Tor. to L. M. & R.	.....	Lambton Mills.....	269	11th	"	129	34
"	14	"	11.00 a.m.	Toronto to.....	.....	Brougham Union.....	136	11th	"	130	12
"	14	"	2.00 p.m.	.....	Steeville.....	Richardson.....	220	11th	"	131	14
"	14	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Uxbridge.....	Zeretatha.....	395	12th	"	132	23
"	15	"	1.00 p.m.	.....	Victoria Road.....	Victoria.....	77	12th	"	133	32
"	15	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Lindsay.....	Friendly Brothers.....	222	13th	"	134	64
"	16	"	1.30 p.m.	.....	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	9	14th	"	135	47
"	16	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Napanee.....	Union.....	24	15th	"	136	140
"	17	"	10.00 a.m.	.....	Smith's Falls.....	St. Francis.....	14	15th	"	137	32
"	17	"	1.00 p.m.	.....	Perth.....	True Britons.....	159	16th	"	138-141	56
"	17	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Ottawa.....	Goodwood.....	5-368	16th	"	145	50
"	18	"	10.30 a.m.	Return to Toronto	.....	Sussex, Salem.....	30	15th	"	146-147	280
"	18	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto to.....	Whitby.....	Composite.....	114	12th	"	148	29
"	21	"	10.00 a.m.	.....	Fort Hope.....	Hope.....	234	9th	"	149	33
"	22	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Clarksburg.....	Beaver.....	90	9th	"	150	175
"	22	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Collingwood.....	Manito.....	333	9th	"	151	80
"	23	"	1.00 p.m.	.....	Flesherton.....	Prince Arthur.....	306	8th	"	152	30
"	23	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Durham.....	Durham.....	315	7th	"	153	15
"	24	"	1.00 p.m.	.....	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	225	7th	"	154	25
"	24	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Listowel.....	Bernard.....	309	5th	"	155	1
"	24	"	3.00 p.m.	Smith's Hill.....	.....	Morning Star.....	33	4th	"	156	6
"	25	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	.....	Goderich.....	274	1st	"	157	134
"	25	"	2.45 p.m.	Toronto to.....	.....	Kent.....	46-267	1st	"	158	194
"	28	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Blenheim.....	Wellington, Parthenon.....	165	8th	"	159-160	5
"	29	"	2.00 p.m.	.....	Chatham.....	Burlington.....	221	10th	"	161	150
"	29	"	7.00 p.m.	.....	Thorold.....	Mountain.....	15-103-296	10th	"	162	34
"	29	"	8.00 p.m.	St. Catharines.....	St. George, Maple Leaf, Temple.....	35	10th	"	163-165	4
"	30	"	2.00 p.m.	Cayuga.....	St. John's.....	35	10th	"	166	48

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1892	30	Mar..	8.00 p.m.	Dunville.....	Amity.....	32	10th	Address and lecture	167	1	18
"	31	"	1.00 p.m.	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	193	6th	"	168	1	54
"	31	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Simcoe.....	Norfolk.....	10	6th	"	169	1	16
"	1	April.	2.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Port Colborne.....	MacNab.....	169	10th	"	170	1	55
"	1	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Victoria.....	Palmer.....	172	10th	"	171	1	105
"	4	"	2.00 p.m.	Toronto to.....	Grand Valley.....	Scott.....	421	7th	"	172	1	61
"	4	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Woodbridge.....	Blackwood.....	311	11th	"	173	1	45
"	5	"	1.00 p.m.	Toronto to.....	Sharon.....	Sharon.....	97	11th	"	174	1	20
"	5	"	4.00 p.m.	.....	Bradford.....	Simcoe.....	97	9th	"	175	1	25
"	5	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Newmarket.....	Tuscan.....	99	11th	"	176	1	48
"	6	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Barrie.....	Corinthian, Kerr.....	96-230	9th	"	177-178	2	128
"	7	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Stratford.....	Tecumseh, Stratford.....	144-332	4th	"	179-180	2	376
"	8	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and return	Bowmanville.....	Jerusalem.....	31	12th	"	181	1	84
"	11	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto to.....	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	122	16th	"	182	1	296
"	12	"	8.30 p.m.	.....	Penbrooke.....	Penbrooke.....	128	16th	"	183	1	70
"	13	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	405	16th	Ad. and ded. of hall	184	1	34
"	14	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Sundridge.....	Strong.....	423	9th	Address and lecture	185	1	150
"	15	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Nickel.....	U.D.	17th	"	186	1	94
"	16	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Port William.....	Keystone.....	412	17th	"	187	1	179
"	20	"	8.30 p.m.	.....	Port Arthur.....	Shuniah.....	415	17th	"	188	1	450
"	21	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Rat Portage.....	Pequonga.....	287	17th	"	189	1	5
"	22	"	2.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	414	17th	"	190	1	298
"	22	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Toronto.....	Zeta.....	417	17th	"	191	1	1,154
"	13	May..	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and return	Guelph.....	Speed, Guelph, Waverley.....	410	11th	"	192	.....	.....
"	3	June..	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and return	Galt.....	Alma, Galt.....	180258361	7th	"	193-195	3	96
"	3	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Fingal.....	Warren.....	72 257	7th	"	196-197	2	146
"	6	"	4.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas, St. David's.....	120	3rd	"	198	1	138
"	6	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and return	Hesperer.....	New Hope.....	44-302	3rd	"	199-200	2	185
"	7	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and return	Hamilton.....	.....	279	8th	"	201	1	76
"	8	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Toronto.....	Occident, St. George.....	...	11th	"	202-207	6	80
"	8	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Toronto.....	Leeds.....	346-367	11th	"	208-217	10	.....
"	15	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto to.....	Gananoque.....	Prince Edward.....	201	14th	"	218-219	2	182
"	20	"	8.00 p.m.	.....	Pictou.....	.....	17	13th	"	221	1	50
"	21	"	8.00 p.m.	Return to Toronto	Prescott.....	.....	110	15th	"	222	1	335
"	27	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Parry Sound.....	Granite.....	352	9th	"	223	1	456

OFFICIAL VISITS OF M. W. BRO. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, GRAND MASTER, 1891-92.

Yr.	D	M'th.	Hour.	Route.	Place.	Lodge.	Number.	Dist.	Occasion of Visit.	No. of Visit.	Miles Tr'v'd	
1892	30	June.	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Sutton West	Georgina.	343	11th	Address and lecture	224	1	68
"	4	July.	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Florence	Florence	390	1st	"	225	1	118
"	5	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Toronto	Orient.	339	11th	"	226	1	.....
"	6	"	8.00 p.m.	"	Brampton	Ionic	229	11th	"	227	1	.....
"	8	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Port Perry	Fidelity	U. D.	12th	"	228	1	42
"	11	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	U. D.	9th	"	229	1	04
"	13	"	8.00 p.m.	Toronto and ret'n	Peterboro'	Gorinthian, Peterboro'	101-155	12th	"	230, 231	2	292
"	15	"	8.00 p.m.	"	East Toronto	Acacia	U. D.	11th	"	232	1	286
							Visits in 1890-91.	.....	9,141			10
							Visits in 1891-92.	.....	13,090			
							Lodges on register in 1890-91.	.....	354			
							Lodges on register in 1891-92.	.....	348			

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I herewith submit my statement of the receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge funds, for the year ending 31st May, 1892 :

The balance at credit of current account at 31st May, 1891, was.....	\$11,788 44
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During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary the following sums, viz :

On account of General Fund.....	\$19,796 44	
On account of Asylum Fund.....	310 00	
On account of Investments	10,000 00	
	<u>30,106 44</u>	
		\$41,894 88

The expenditure for general purposes during the year, including the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, paid to R.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon for expenses, re benevolent grants, was.....

For benevolence as per list herewith submitted.....	\$ 8,465 73	
And for debentures purchased.....	5,880 00	
	<u>20,000 00</u>	
		\$34,345 73

Balance at credit of current account in Canadian Bank of Commerce, as per acknowledgment of Bank officials attached to this statement.....	\$ 7,549 15
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During the year the debenture of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Company, for ten thousand dollars, has matured and been paid, and the sum of twenty thousand dollars has been invested as follows :

Debenture of Landed, Banking and Loan Co. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	\$5,000 00
“ Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5,000 00
“ Ontario Loan and Savings Co. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5,000 00
“ Canada Savings and Loan Co. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$	5,000 00

I respectfully submit that the balance at the credit of the current account will justify Grand Lodge in investing, in such security as may be determined upon, a further sum of \$5,000.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treasurer, pro tem.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1891.			
June 24—Paid	Customs duty on paraphernalia for laying corner stones.....\$	73	40
" 30—"	Grand Treasurer's salary to date	50	00
" 30—"	Mrs. Hodd, for repairing regalia	10	50
" 30—"	W. G. Rigsby, affiliation fee, authorized by Grand Lodge.....	5	00
July 3—"	Grand Secretary's salary to 30th June	400	00
" 3—"	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to 30th June	200	00
" 3—"	Masonic Hall Association re it to 30th June.....	43	75
" 3—"	Grand Secretary, balance of incidental expenses to 31 May, '91.	30	57
" 28—"	Grand Secretary, advance for incidental expenses.....	400	00
" 30—"	George Kenning, per draft, for vessels and sword	278	08
" 30—"	J. B. Traves, printing Past Masters' certificates.....	75	00
" 30—"	Times Printing Co., sundry printing.....	137	05
" 30—"	M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, postage, etc., as chairman of benevolence	30	00
" 30—"	Hunter, Rose & Co., printing	53	35
" 31—"	Copp, Clark & Co., printing Master Masons' certificates.....	577	50
" 31—"	M. W. Bro. J. R. Robertson, for postage, telegrams, etc.....	100	00
Aug. 1—"	M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence	100	00
" 1—"	For expenses Board of General Purposes.....	796	70
" 5—"	Robert Duncan & Co., for stationery	39	80
" 5—"	William Bruce, illuminated address, P. G. M. Walker.....	40	00
" 9—"	General Relief Association, assessment per draft	209	00
" 9—"	Rent of Opera House for annual meeting of Grand Lodge....	125	00
" 9—"	Henry Barnard, for Remington Typewriter.....	120	00
" 28—"	Seneca Jones, premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	50	00
" 28—"	W. A. Muir, assistant in Grand Secretary's office.....	20	00
" 28—"	Rolph Smith & Co., stationery for Grand Master.....	7	00
Oct. 29—"	Ellis & Moore, circulars for Grand Master.....	21	30
" 30—"	Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Sept.....	50	00
" 30—"	Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th Sept.....	43	75
" 30—"	Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept	400	00
" 30—"	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to 30th Sept.....	230	00
" 30—"	Grand Secretary, sundry expenses connected with meeting of Grand Lodge	42	83
Nov. 27—"	Hunter, Rose & Co., on account of printing	800	00
Dec. 31—"	Grand Treasurer's salary to date.....	50	00
" 31—"	Masonic Hall Association, rent to date.....	43	75
1892.			
Jan. 6—"	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st Dec., 1891.....	400	00
" 6—"	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to 31st Dec., 1891.....	200	00
" 6—"	Miss J. Place, stenographer, salary to 31st Dec., 1891.....	60	00
" 15—"	W. H. Ferguson, boxes for paraphernalia	30	25
Feb. 2—"	Expenses of Commissioners at Campbellford	23	90
Mar. 31—"	J. B. Nixon, expenses, investigation re benevolence.....	100	00
April 1—"	Rolph Smith & Co., stationery for Grand Master.....	7	00
" 8—"	Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March.....	43	75
" 8—"	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March	400	00
" 8—"	J. B. Nixon, expenses re benevolent grants investigation....	100	00
" 8—"	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date	200	00
" 8—"	Miss J. Place, stenographer, salary to date	60	00
" 8—"	J. H. Routh, insurance policy on regalia.....	17	50
" 31—"	J. B. Nixon, expenses, investigation re benevolent grants....	100	00
May 31—"	Executors of the late Grand Treasurer, salary	50	00
" 31—"	J. B. Nixon, expenses, investigation re benevolent grants....	50	00
" 31—"	Hunter, Rose & Co., on account of printing	1,000	00
" 31—"	Benevolence orders as per list.....	5,880	00
" 31—"	Balance, as per balance sheet.....	64,815	90
		<u>\$79,161</u>	<u>63</u>

RECEIPTS.

1891.			
May 31—	By Balance as per balance sheet.....	\$59,365 19	
July 3—	“ Grand Secretary.....	225 00	
“ 4—	“ “ “.....	4,400 00	
“ 6—	“ “ “.....	165 00	
“ 20—	“ “ “.....	3,500 00	
“ 31—	“ “ “.....	1,000 00	
Oct. 7—	“ “ “.....	844 50	
Nov. 6—	“ “ “.....	381 50	
“ 30—	“ “ “ interest on bank account.....	163 96	
1892.			
Feb. 29—	“ “ “.....	5,920 00	
April 8—	“ “ “.....	1,573 00	
May 12—	“ “ “.....	200 00	
“ 31—	“ “ “ interest on bank account.....	73 00	
“ 31—	“ “ “.....	132 00	
“ 31—	“ “ “.....	1,218 48	
		<u>\$79,161 63</u>	

STATEMENT—ASYLUM FUND.

1891.		
May 31—	By balance as per balance sheet.....	\$12,423 25
1892.		
May 31—	By Grand Secretary, interest.....	310 00
		<u>\$12,733 25</u>
1892.		
May 31—	To balance.....	<u>\$12,733 25</u>

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1891.	August. 1891.	Sept. 1891.
30 Ors. Br. Reyn'lds \$ 5 00	31 Mrs. Ash.....\$10 03	30 Mrs. Graham...\$15 00
30 Mrs. Livingston. 5 00	31 Mrs. Campbell.. 10 00	30 Mrs. Sweeney... 15 00
30 Mrs. Preston... 10 00	31 Mrs. Treanman 20 00	30 Mrs. Piggett.... 15 00
30 Mrs. Davis..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Locke..... 10 00	30 Mrs. Pigott.... 15 00
30 Mrs. Berry..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Coulter.... 10 00	30 Mrs. Harrington 20 00
July	31 B. Relief Guelph 10 00	30 Mrs. McKillican. 20 00
31 Miss L. M. Harris 18 75	31 Mrs. Jolliffe 15 00	30 Mrs. Miller..... 20 03
31 Miss M. H. Harris 18 75	31 Mrs. Blythe 10 03	30 Mrs. McLeod.... 20 00
31 Mrs. McLeod.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Stetham.... 10 00	30 Bro. Chrisley... 25 00
31 Mrs. Wilson.... 75 00	31 Mrs. Allmand.... 15 00	30 Bro. Lumley.... 25 00
31 Mrs. Galt..... 10 00	31 Ed. R'f Ottawa . 10 03	30 Bro. Farquharson 25 00
31 Mrs. Robertson. 10 00	31 Bro. Willmott.. 25 00	30 Bro. Bain 25 00
31 Mrs. Haddington 15 00	31 Mrs. Davey..... 15 00	30 Bro. Scott..... 25 00
31 Miss Wilson 75 00	31 Bro. Butterworth 25 00	30 B. R'f, Toronto 50 00
Aug.	31 Bro. C. W. Smith 25 00	31 Mrs. Gibson.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Strowger.. 15 00	31 Mrs. Sproule ... 15 00	Oct.
31 B. R'f. Hamilton 50 00	31 Mrs. Hill..... 15 03	31 Mrs. Amsden.... 15 00
31 Mr. Wills..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Richards.. 20 00	31 Miss L. M. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. Rowed 20 00	31 Mrs. Taylor 10 00	31 Miss M. H. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. Sharpe.... 10 00	31 Hattie Steele... 20 00	31 Mrs. Wilson..... 75 00
31 Mrs. Smith..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Graham.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Reid..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Peverett... 15 00	31 Mrs. Imlay..... 10 00	31 Miss Wilson.... 75 00
31 Or. Bro. Smith... 20 03	31 Mrs. Hessel..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Harvey.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Spencer.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Perry..... 10 03	31 Mrs. Dow 10 00
31 Mrs. Walthro... 10 00	31 Mrs. Davies.... 20 00	31 Mrs. Bonner.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Joley..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Horton.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Irwin..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Lockerty.. 20 00	31 Mrs. Witmer.... 20 00	31 Mrs. Sprague... 10 00
31 Mrs. Noble 20 00	31 Mrs. Pettitt.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Wright.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Pocock.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Little..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Burke..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wright.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Kesteven... 5 00	31 Or. Br. McPhers'n 10 00
31 Mrs. McIntyre.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Tontoo.... 20 00	31 Mrs. Murray.... 10 00
31 Bro. Black..... 25 00	31 Bro. Eddleston.. 25 00	31 Ors. Bro. Dean.. 25 00
31 Bro. Rowe 20 00	31 Mrs. Murphy.... 10 00	Nov.
31 B. R'f London.. 50 00	31 Mrs. McPherson. 15 00	30 Mrs. Spence.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Carter.... 20 00	31 Bro. Swisher.. 25 00	30 Mrs. Bennett... 15 00
31 Mrs. LeClair.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Miller.... 10 00	30 Mrs. Leitch.... 15 00
31 B. Relief Barrie. 10 00	31 Mrs. Carter.... 10 00	30 Mrs. McKenzie.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Patterson.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Kennedy... 10 03	30 Mrs. Leith..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Bennett.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Varney.... 20 00	30 Mrs. Laing 15 00
31 Bro. Langstaff.. 25 00	31 Mrs. Barber.... 15 00	30 Mrs. Howell.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Allen..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Christie... 10 00	30 Mrs. Stafford.. 15 00
31 Bro. McConklio. 20 00	31 Mr. Phillips... 15 00	30 Mrs. Malcolm... 15 00
31 Bro. Myers..... 20 00	31 Mrs. Inman..... 10 00	30 Mrs. Barbour... 15 00
31 Mrs. Marriott... 15 00	31 Bro. Bowman .. 25 00	30 Mrs. Cooke 15 00
31 Bd. R'f Kingston 25 00	31 Mrs. Gray..... 10 00	Dec.
31 Mrs. Spearman.. 20 00	31 Mrs. Crawford.. 15 00	31 B. R'f, Kingston 25 00
31 Mrs. Barrette... 10 00	31 Mrs. Bernard*.. 40 00	Jan.
31 Mrs. Mitchell... 10 00	31 Bro. Halladay .. 10 00	1892.
31 Mrs. Greer..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Hisk p.... 15 00	31 B. R'f, Windsor. 15 00
31 Mrs. Salmoni... 10 00	31 Mrs. Stoppelen 10 00	31 Mrs. Hubbard.. 15 00
31 Bro. Munro.... 25 00	31 Mrs. Robson.... 20 00	31 Mrs. Wilson.... 75 00
31 Mrs. McVeity.. 10 00	31 Mrs. Blue 20 00	31 Miss L. M. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. Ratcliffe.. 20 00	31 Mrs. Hunter.... 20 00	31 Miss M. F. Harris 18 75
31 Bro. David 25 00	Sept.	31 Bro. C. W. Smith 25 00
31 Mrs. McKellar.. 10 00	30 Mrs. Cummings. 5 00	31 Mrs. Patterson.. 10 00
31 Mrs. McLeellan. 10 00	30 Or. Bro. McBride 5 00	31 Mrs. Irwin..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Hill..... 10 00	30 Mrs. Dav s..... 10 00	31 B. R'f. Hamilton 50 00
31 Mrs. Stares.... 20 00	30 Mrs. Vance..... 10 00	31 Miss Wilson.... 75 00
31 Bro. Crate 25 00	30 Mrs. Bryant.... 10 00	31 B. R'f, Windsor. 15 00
31 Mrs. Tenant... 10 00	30 Mrs. Oaten.... 10 00	31 Bro. Willmott.. 25 00
31 Mrs. Street 10 00	30 Mrs. Hill..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Strowger.. 15 03
31 Mrs. Hill..... 10 00	30 Mrs. Weir..... 10 00	31 Or. Bro. Smith.. 20 00
31 Mrs. James..... 15 00	30 Mrs. Sutton.... 10 00	31 Bro. Munr..... 25 00
31 Mrs. Porteous.. 10 00	30 Mrs. Bowman .. 10 00	31 Mrs. Walthro... 10 00
31 Mrs. Wright.... 15 00	30 Mrs. Varjon.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Jolley.... 10 00
31 Mrs. Crowell... 20 00	30 Mrs. Zimmerman 10 00	31 Mrs. Davis..... 20 00
31 Mrs. Bailey.... 15 00	30 Mrs. Scott..... 10 00	31 Bd. R'f Guelph. 10 00
31 Bro. Woods.... 25 00	30 Mrs. Pattison .. 10 00	31 Bro. Crate..... 25 00
31 Bro. Shoemaker 20 00	30 Mrs. Handy.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Salmoni.. 10 00
		31 Mrs. Wills..... 20 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

Jan. 1892.	Feb. 1892.	Feb. 1892.
31 Mrs. Spearman...\$20 00	28 Bro. Lumley...\$25 00	28 Mrs. Handy...\$10 00
31 Bro. Rowe..... 20 00	28 Br. Farquharson 25 00	28 Mrs. Sutton.... 1 00
31 Bd. R'f London. 50 00	28 Mrs. Greer 15 00	28 Mr. Blyth..... 10 00
31 Mrs. Gray 10 00	28 Mrs. Amsden. . 15 00	28 Mrs. Bailey..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Pocock..... 10 00	28 Mrs. Weir 10 00	28 Bro. Charley. . 25 00
31 Mrs. Starev..... 20 00	28 Miss Steel..... 20 00	Mar.
31 Mrs. Ratcliffe... 20 00	28 Mrs. Little..... 15 00	31 Mrs. Sweney.... 15 00
31 Mrs. Locke..... 10 00	28 Mrs. Jolliffe.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Hill 10 00
31 Mrs. Sproule.... 15 00	28 Bro. Shoemaker 20 00	31 Mrs. Hill 10 00
31 Mrs. Varney.... 20 00	28 Mrs. Inman..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Kennedy.. 10 00
31 Mrs. Tennent. . 10 00	28 Mrs. Barber.... 15 00	31 Mrs. Barke 10 00
31 Mrs. Noble..... 20 00	28 Mrs. B'ue..... 20 00	31 Mrs. James..... 15 00
31 Mrs. Bonner ... 15 00	28 M s. Wilmer.... 20 00	31 Mrs. Scott 10 00
31 B o. Davis..... 25 00	28 Mrs. Campbell.. 10 00	31 B J. Rf. Toronto. 50 00
31 Bro. Scott..... 25 00	28 Mrs. Peverett... 15 00	31 Mrs. Murray.... 10 00
31 Br. McConklin. 20 00	28 Mrs. Hortop ... 10 00	31 Mrs. Piggott... 15 00
31 Mrs. Kestevan .. 5 00	28 Mrs. Harington. 20 00	31 B. Rf. Kingston. 25 00
31 Mrs. Christie .. 10 00	28 Mrs. Graham .. 15 00	31 Mrs. Richards.. 20 00
31 Mrs. LeClair.... 10 00	28 Mrs. Carter..... 10 00	31 B. Rf. Chatham. 10 00
31 O. Br. McBride 5 00	28 Mrs. Lockerty.. 20 00	31 Bro. Halladay .. 10 00
31 Mrs. McKillecan 20 00	28 Mrs. Murphy.... 10 00	31 Mrs. Pattison . 10 00
31 Mrs. Coulter.... 10 00	28 Mrs. Zimmerman. 10 00	April
31 Mrs. Carter..... 20 00	28 Mrs. Graham... 15 00	30 W. T. Wilkinson
31 Mrs. Crowell.... 20 00	28 Mrs. Taylor..... 10 00	pro funeral of
31 Bro. Myers..... 20 00	28 Mrs. Street 10 00	widow of J. Mc-
31 Mrs. Allen..... 10 00	28 B l. Rf. Barrie.. 10 00	Kinty 10 00
31 Mrs. McLuttyre. 10 00	28 Mrs. Hislop 15 00	30 Miss L. M. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. Imley .. 10 00	28 Mrs. Davis..... 10 00	30 Miss M. H. Harris 18 75
31 Mrs. Allmond .. 15 00	28 Mrs. Cummings. 5 00	30 Mrs. A. Bowman 10 00
31 Mrs. Hill..... 15 00	28 Mrs. Ponton..... 20 00	30 Mrs. W. M. Wilson 75 00
31 Mrs. Stetham .. 10 00	28 M s. Bennett.... 15 00	30 Mrs. F. Bennett. 15 00
31 Mrs. S. encer... 10 00	28 Mrs. Davey..... 15 00	30 Miss M. Wilson. 75 00
Feb.	28 Bro. Wood..... 25 00	30 Br. J. C. Langstaff 25 00
23 Mrs. Rowed 20 00	28 Mrs. Gibson 10 00	30 Mrs. E. Sprague 10 00
23 Mrs. Miller..... 10 00	28 Bd. Rf. Ottawa.. 10 00	30 Mrs. J. Wright.. 15 00
23 Mrs. Swisher.... 25 00	28 Mrs. Phillips ... 15 00	May
28 Mrs. Marriott .. 15 00	28 Bro. Trennaman 20 00	31 Mrs. J. Vance .. 10 00
28 Mrs. Porteous .. 10 00	28 Mrs. Hill 10 00	31 Mrs. J. S. Laing. 15 00
28 Mrs. Mitchell. . 10 00	28 Mrs. Smith 15 00	31 Mrs. W. Oaten .. 10 00
28 Mrs. McPherson 15 00	28 Mrs. Wright.... 10 00	31 Mrs. T. Howells. 10 00
28 Mrs. Perry 10 00	28 Bro. Hall..... 25 00	31 Mrs. J. McKenzie 10 00
28 Mrs. Barbour .. 15 00	28 Mrs. Hubbard.. 15 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Leith 10 00
28 Mrs. Harvey ... 10 00	28 Mrs. Stippleben 10 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Reid 10 00
23 Mrs. Miller 20 00	28 Mrs. McLellan.. 10 00	31 Mrs. J. A. Malcolm 15 00
23 Mrs. Hunter ... 20 00	28 John McKellar.. 10 00	31 Mrs. F. W. Coke 15 00
23 Mrs. Robson.... 20 00	23 Bro. Bowman... 25 00	31 Mr. T. Stafford. 15 00
28 Bro. Black 25 00	28 Bro. Bain 25 00	31 Mrs. J. Leitch . 15 00
28 Mrs. Pigott 15 00	28 Mrs. Barrette .. 10 00	31 Mrs. P. Spence. 15 00
28 Wm. Crawford.. 15 00	28 Mrs. McPhail.. 15 00	Total.....\$5,880 00
28 R. W. Br. J. B.)	28 Mrs. McPhail .. 15 00	
Nixon, ex-	28 Mrs. Ash 10 00	
penses re Be-	28 Bro. Butterworth 25 00	
nevolence.)	28 Mrs. Sharpe.... 10 00	

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Br. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved, That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my annual report as to the condition of the Craft in the Erie District. My first official act was the issue of a circular letter to the several lodges in the district. I regret to report that, although the most of the lodges have caused copies of the summonses for meetings to be sent to me with commendable regularity, the Masters of several lodges or their secretaries have wholly ignored their duty in that respect, and in many cases the returns of elected officers have not been made. In consequence of these omissions I have been caused much inconvenience.

VISITS TO LODGES.

I have visited all the lodges in the district once. Six of them I have visited twice, making a total of twenty-eight visits. I had so arranged my visits that an emergent meeting has been called but twice for the purpose of receiving me. In all the lodges there was work, with one or two exceptions. I have always asked for an exhibition of what could be done by the W. Masters and their officers, and have no hesitation in stating the working of the degrees is as well done in Erie District, No. 1, as any other district in the jurisdiction. Many of the lodges not having sent me the information for which blanks were supplied them, some of my statistics may not be accurate, but will be found nearly correct.

My first official visit was made to Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex, on September 16th, 1891. Its membership is 51; average attendance 15; number of meetings held, 16; financial condition, good, and all business is promptly attended to. The lodge room is very commodious, and expensively furnished. The W. Master works all the degrees. Number of members present, 23. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, P.D.D.G.M. of this district. Prospects of the lodge are fair. Insurance, \$500.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury: Visited this lodge October 13th, 1891. 22 members present out of a membership of 30; all the officers present, also all the past masters of the lodge. The W. Master, J. R. Palmer, conferred the F. C. degree fairly well. I have much pleasure in reporting that in this lodge no member is in arrears for dues. Naphtali Lodge is doing well, and promises to do even better. The furniture and other property is insured, and the books well kept. I again visited this lodge on the 28th December, 1891, and installed the officers for the ensuing year, and with W. Bro. J. W. Richardson in the east, this lodge ought to prosper.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: I made my official visit to this lodge on the 16th October, 1891, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Anderson and V. W. Bro. E. McKay, of Belmont Lodge. There was an attend-

ance of 22 members present, many of whom had a long distance to drive. There was no work, and the W. Master, W. L. Bacus, opened and closed in the several degrees. The W. M. was a zealous Mason, and worked all the degrees. The other officers were all present, with the exception of the J. W., and require practice to perfect themselves in the work. There is good material in this lodge, and they are pleasantly situated, and have very comfortable and neatly furnished rooms. The books are well kept. Among those present were several members of Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware. I made my second official visit to the lodge by request on Friday evening, June 10th, 1892. Since my first visit to this lodge they have had the great misfortune to lose their W. Master by death. W. Bro. Henry Watson occupied the chair. The attendance was over 30. The M.M. degree was very ably conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Davey, assisted by V.W. Bro. Geo. Middle-ditch, W. M. of Howard Lodge. State of lodge financially, good. Prospects of lodge, good.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: This lodge which I visited on 12th November, 1891, has a very fine lodge room and banqueting hall, tastefully furnished and decorated. The attendance was small, not more than 20 being present. All the officers were in their places, with the exception of the W. Master, Bro. T. McGregor. His position was ably filled by Past Master Hall. Great Western Lodge has a membership of over 100; average attendance, 30; cash on hand, about \$1,200; other assets, \$600. The prospects of this lodge are good. Bro. James Weir was elected W.M. in December, 1891, and will make one of the best Masters in the district.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: I visited this lodge on 7th Jan., 1892, and found the brethren comfortably situated in three new rooms which are centrally situated, and neatly furnished. Number present, 18, among whom were Past Masters Abbot, Brown and Schever. The W.M., Dr. J. Anderson, conferred the E.A. degree on two candidates and did the work correctly and well. The Wardens were not present. Total members, 37; increase during year, 5; degrees conferred, 12; meetings held, 15; average attendance, 15; prospects of lodge good. The W. Master can work all the degrees. Insurance \$200. Number of members over twelve months in arrears, 13. Total of all arrearages, \$81.55.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited this lodge 12th Jan., 1892, and installed the officers for ensuing year. This lodge has a membership of 68; increase during year, 4; regular meetings held, 14; emergent, 5; average attendance, 20; number of members over twelve months in arrears, 28; total of all arrearages, \$111.07. State of lodge, financially fair; prospects of lodge, fair. The W. Master, Dr. Piper, exemplified the work in the first degree in a creditable manner and can work all the degrees. The other officers all present and had their work up fairly well. Number present, 30. Insurance, \$300.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: I visited this lodge on the 13th Jan., accompanied by R.W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, P.D.D.G.M. of this district, a Bro. who is remembered with feelings of great affection by the different lodges, and one who has done more to advance the interests of masonry in this district than any other Bro. There was a large attendance at this meeting and the officers for the ensuing year were installed by R.W. Bro. Macnabb. The brethren here have a fine lodge room and everything in fine order, which is largely due to the retiring Master, R.W. Bro. Dr. Allworth. In the evening a banquet was given by the lodge at which about 400 were present, including many

ladies. The evening was a most enjoyable one. This lodge is noted for the hospitality of its members. It is needless to say that the lodge is abundantly prosperous and its prospects bright. Membership, 76; number meetings held, 22; average attendance, 27; insurance, \$2000.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: I paid an official visit to this lodge on 1st February. There were between 40 and 50 members present, among whom I was very glad to see R.W. Bros. T. C. Macnabb, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Millner, P.D.D.G.M. London District, and Jas. Birch, P.D.D.G.M. There was also a large number of Past Masters present. This was the first occasion on which the W.M., Bro. A. Von Gunten, had to confer a degree, and he conferred the first degree on two candidates in waiting in a most pleasing and correct manner, ably assisted by his Wardens. The Deacons, as well as the I.G., were perfect in their duties. The W. Master is one of the best workers in Erie District; every officer had his work accurately. The J.W. delivered the lecture required by him in a manner, I believe, seldom excelled. The room is large and handsomely furnished, and the lodge in a very prosperous condition. Average attendance, 28. Insurance, \$900. Degrees conferred, 16.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: On the 7th March I officially visited this lodge. The first degree was conferred on two candidates in a very correct and impressive manner by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Shaver, ably assisted by his Wardens. The J.D. also did his work correctly. The W.M. can work all the degrees. Everything was well done. About 30 members present. State of lodge financially good and prospects excellent. Visited this lodge again on the 26th June, when the attendance was large.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: I visited this lodge on the 8th March; about 20 members were present, including Past Masters McCate, F. Plastow, J. J. Stalker and P. Stalker. I had also the pleasure of meeting here W. Bro. McCully, Mayor of St. Thomas. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. J. Stalker in a very correct manner. The W. Master, Bro. Gillies, was present, but had been on the sick list for some time, and did not take any part in the work. Bro. Gillies can work all the degrees, and is a good Mason. Prospects, financially and otherwise, good. Insurance on hall and contents, \$500.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburgh: Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Middleditch I visited this lodge on the 15th March. There was a good attendance of visitors and members. The second degree was worked by W. Bro. Wilkinson in a very satisfactory manner. The other officers were also well up in their work. The W. M. can work all the degrees. By request I conferred the third degree on a candidate in waiting. The brethren are now pleasantly situated in their handsome new hall, one of the finest in the district. The masonic charters and other craft papers on the walls make this an interesting lodge to visit. The membership is about 40; average attendance 15. The prospects of the lodge are encouraging.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: Visited this lodge 10th March, 1892. It has a membership of over 30, average attendance 14. The lodge was opened in all three degrees to my entire satisfaction. The officers all perform their respective functions well. Number present 25. Financial condition good, and all business promptly attended to. Their property is insured. The lodge is growing and getting in good material.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: Visited here 6th April. About 20 members present, including visitors from Florence, Albion,

and Delaware Valley Lodges, also had the pleasure of meeting here W. Bro. Rankin of Parthenon Lodge, Chatham. The E. A. degree was conferred on a candidate in waiting in a very creditable manner by W. Bros. Rankin and Hickey. The W. Master did not take any part in the work with the exception of opening and closing in the several degrees, which he did very well. The Wardens have their work well, but that of the Deacons was very rusty.

Pnyx Lodge, No 312, Wallaceburg : I visited this lodge April 11th. The brethren of Wallaceburg have a comfortable and tastily furnished room, one of the nicest in the district. There were 25 members present. W. Bro. Harvey Morris, W. M. of the lodge, presided, and conferred the first degree on a candidate. I found the officers attentive to their duties and the average attendance good. Membership about 60. Between 40 and 50 members are in arrears over twelve months. The prospects of the lodge seem fair.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham : Visited this lodge officially April 12th, 1892. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. Chas. Bardwell in a very correct manner. The Junior Warden delivered the lecture required of him to the candidate in a very accurate manner. I had the pleasure of meeting here R. W. Bros. T. C. Macnabb and Milner, P.D.D.G.M.'s. There were about 30 members present. The W.M. works all the degrees. The prospects of Parthenon Lodge are very good, and this is greatly due to the able manner in which everything connected with its affairs is managed. The Secretary deserves great credit for the neatness and correctness with which his books are kept.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden : I made my official visit to this lodge on 14th April; the attendance was fairly good, about 20 being present, among whom were J. B. Carscallen, W. H. Switzer, S. McVean and D. V. Hicks, P.M.'s. The first degree was conferred on a candidate correctly by W. Bro. Jas. H. McVean, who is an excellent worker. The W.M. then opened and closed in the several degrees in a correct manner, ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers. The J. W. delivered the lecture required of him in a most effective manner. This is a good lodge, with a membership of 45; average attendance 15; only one member in arrears. Total of all arrearsages, \$4; paid in relief, \$50. Prospects of lodge good. Insurance, \$400.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe : On the 5th May I visited this lodge and had the great pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dr. Lumley, a most zealous and enthusiastic Mason. Number present, 40, among whom were visitors from Wardsville, Napier and Melbourne. W. Bro. French conferred the first degree on a candidate in waiting in his usual impressive manner. The J. W. delivered the lecture required of him very correctly, and I have much pleasure in reporting this as one of the most pleasant visits I have made in the district. The average attendance is good, and the members are very enthusiastic. Prospects, excellent. Books in good condition.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville : My official visit to this lodge was made the 7th of May. There were present about 35, including visitors from Rodney, Glencoe, Bothwell, Newburg and Melbourne Lodges, among whom were W. Bros. Dorland, Jell, and Kirkpatrick. The W. M., Bro. E. Aitchison, conferred the first degree on a candidate in a correct manner, and can work all the degrees. There is not a large membership in this lodge, but it is composed of excellent material. The Wardens did their work well. An examination of the books shows the Secretary to be a very efficient officer, and the dues are well collected. Prospects, fair.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor : Visited regular meeting 3rd of June, 1892 ; about 35 present, including some brethren from lodges in Detroit. Had the pleasure of meeting here R. W. Bros. A. H. Clark and D'Avignon. The officers were elected for the ensuing year, and from them I expect good work. The first degree was conferred on a candidate, and all the officers do their work correctly. This lodge has a membership of 52, with good prospects. Amount paid for relief, \$20. State of lodge financially, good ; number of members in arrears over twelve months, 7 ; total of all arrearages, \$125. The W. M. can work all the degrees. Insurance, \$300. The brethren of Windsor Lodge meet in the same fine hall that accommodates Great Western Lodge, and also the Chapter and Preceptory of Windsor.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown : Visited this lodge officially on 6th June ; the third degree was exemplified by V. W. Bro. George Middleditch, and I need only say the work was done very correctly, in fact as correctly as it can be done. The Secretary's books I found to be well and correctly kept. This being the lodge to which I belong, I was completely taken by surprise when W. Bro. Duck read to me a very flattering address, while R. W. Bro. Anderson, on behalf of the officers and members of Howard Lodge, presented myself and Mrs. Paine with some solid silverware, suitably engraved. The attendance was large, and the evening pleasantly spent.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence : Visited 9th June, 1892. Present about 15. The members are not pulling well together. A good many are back in their dues, and out of a membership of 32, ten are suspended for non-payment. Financially, the lodge has quite a cash surplus, and with Bro. Lawrence in the chair ought to pull itself together again. I had the pleasure of R. W. Bro. Anderson's company on this visit. Insurance, \$125.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville. I paid my official visit to this lodge 7th June, 1892. The attendance was large. Number present, 34. There being no work, the W. M., Bro. E. H. Morin, opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, ably assisted by his Wardens. The W. M. can work all the degrees. Past Masters present, W. Bro. Davidson, W. B. Albertson, and W. Bro. Dr. Stuart, of Lynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg. The hall is leased, and is a very suitable one. The prospects of Tecumseh Lodge are fair. I was accompanied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Anderson and Bro. Lent.

CORNER STONE.

At Amherstburg, on 11th May, 1892, the corner-stone of a new Methodist church at that place was laid by myself, assisted by R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, in the presence of a large assemblage. About 100 Masons were present from Chatham, Windsor, Essex, Ridgetown, and brethren from other lodges.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons. Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, on August 21, 1891. Wellington, No. 46, on December 11th, 1891. Howard, 391, on December 24, 1891. Parthenon, No. 267, June 26, 1892. Nephtali, No. 413, July 3, 1892.

CONSECRATION AND DEDICATION.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Rt. W. Bro. Dr. Allworth represented him at the consecration and dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Amherstburg, February, 1892. Harmony prevails

with every lodge. With these glorious privileges no brother has reasonable grounds for dissatisfaction, and have themselves to blame if they allow themselves to be suspended. Constant attendance at the lodge meetings is the only remedy. Prolonged absence is the unconstitutional. The attendance book detects it, the Master and Wardens notice it, and the Secretary knows it.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A lodge of instruction was held at Chatham on Thursday, 16th June, 1892, commencing at two o'clock, at which I was present. Number present at the two meetings, afternoon and evening, about 300, and would have been greater but for the excessive heat it being the warmest day of the season. The gathering was representative and composed of the members of the following lodges: Wellington, No. 46; Parthenon, No. 267; St. George's, No. 41; Great Western, No. 47; Tecumseh, No. 245; Sydenham, No. 255; Kent, 274; Lorne, 282; Leamington, No. 290; Highgate, No. 336; McColl, No. 386; Howard, No. 391; Parvaim, No. 395; Central, No. 402; Windsor, No. 403; Rodney, No. 411; Npahtali, No. 413; The Hammond, No. 327; besides brethren from London and St. Thomas. The first degree was exemplified very impressively by the officers of Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, W. Bro. W. H. Switzer in the East. The second degree was exemplified by the officers of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, W. Bro. Jas. Weir, W. M., presiding. The third degree was beautifully exemplified by the officers of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham, W. Bro. A. H. Von-Gunten, W. M., presiding. The Chatham brethren made every arrangement for the proper working of the lodge and for the comfort and convenience of the visitors. The meeting was a decided success and was largely due to the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which the Chatham lodges entered upon the work. This lodge of instruction was successful in arousing the interest of all who attended. The great amount of practical information imparted and the discussions evoked cannot fail to be of more than transient value, while the exposition of the work so accurately and carefully rendered should benefit alike those who joined in the proceedings and the craft in general. In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to all those brethren who so kindly and so willingly aided in carrying out this instruction meeting.

LECTURES.

We are greatly indebted to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, for the very able and instructive lectures which he gave in this the First Masonic District. His visits have done a great amount of good and will be remembered with pleasure by the brethren of the district.

In conclusion I have to express my most cordial thanks to the officers and members throughout Erie District for the uniform kindness, courtesy and fraternal feeling extended to me whenever I have visited the lodges. I can assure them that the many pleasant and instructive hours spent with the brethren of Erie District will be treasured up in my remembrance, and I will always look back with pleasure to the time in which I held the office of District Deputy Grand Master of Erie District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. PAINE, D. D. G. M.
First Masonic District.

Ridgetown, June 28th, 1892.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you the following report upon the condition of the Craft in the Second Masonic District :

The brethren of this district having done me the honor of electing me to the high and honorable office of D.D.G.M. for the past year, I wish here to express to them my thanks for the honor conferred and gratitude for the kindness and courtesy extended to me by the officers and members of the various lodges during my official term. My first official act was the re-appointment of the Rev. Bro. J. M. Gunn, of Burns' Lodge, Wyoming, as District Chaplain, and Bro. W. J. Porte, of Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest, as District Secretary, to each of whom I beg to tender my hearty thanks for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, and for their willing co-operation. Upon assuming office I found that the district was composed of twenty lodges, but upon the 18th December, 1891, the two lodges at Strathroy, viz.: Beaver and Euclid Lodges, amalgamated, under the title of Beaver Lodge, No. 83. This reduced the number to nineteen. I have paid one official visit to each lodge in the district and to some two, reporting that peace and harmony, as well as loyalty to the Craft, and properly constituted authority, reigns and is recognized by all.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The following is the record of my official visits and other acts in my official capacity for the past Masonic year :

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford : I paid my first official visit to this lodge on Monday evening, October 12th, 1891, and regret to say that owing to the candidate who was present for initiation, positively refusing to comply with the regulations as to preparation, and absolutely declining (notwithstanding the efforts of R. W. Bro. Holmes, W. Bro. Dallas and Rev. Bro. Cooper, to induce him to change his mind) to proceed any further than the ante-room without considering the matter for another month, I was denied the privilege of seeing the work of the officers of this lodge. I, however, spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren in their lodge-room, answering questions and discussing degree work. The officers are young, energetic and enthusiastic and are evidently well up in the duties of their respective offices. I have recently learned that the candidate above mentioned has since come forward and received his three degrees, and trust that he will make an exceptionally good and cautious member. Members present, 18.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest : I visited this lodge October 14th, 1891. The work for the evening consisted of one initiation and a passing. W.M. Bro. A. Karr, presided. The west and other chairs were filled by their respective officers, and the degrees were conferred correctly, the W.M., his officers and assistants, being thoroughly well posted in respect to their duties. The W.M. and Senior and Junior Wardens doing their parts most admirably, making it indeed a pleasure to listen to them. I paid several subsequent visits to this lodge when the same officers conferred the second and third degrees, and I was both pleased and edified at the correct and effective manner in which the work was done. Forest Lodge has made great progress during the past year, having held 21 meetings, initiated no less than 12 can-

didates and received as joining members 2, and, being personally acquainted with the majority of the candidates, I can vouch for their good qualities and of the good judgment displayed by the members of this lodge in the use of the ballot. No less than three applicants have been rejected. The regular attendance of the members is very gratifying, being both large and appreciative of the work, the members all taking a keen interest in the welfare of their lodge. Number present, 38.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Port Lambton: I visited this lodge on November 10th, 1891, for the purpose of consecrating, dedicating and constituting it, being ably assisted in the performance of these ceremonies by R.W. Bros. G. H. Holwell, P.D.D.G.M., Thedford; the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, P.G.C., of Mooretown; W. Bros. A. E. Harvey, Wyoming; B. George, Pt. Edward; Robt. Kerr, Sarnia, and Bro. W. J. Porte, of Forest, and although it rained steadily all day and was a very tempestuous evening, a large number of visiting brethren were present from Wallaceburg, Courtright, Sombra and Mooretown, with a large contingent of American brethren from St. Clair and Marine City, Michigan. After the lodge had been duly consecrated, dedicated and constituted, the officers of the lodge resumed their respective chairs and in the absence of a candidate (through illness) who was to have been initiated that night, one of the brethren volunteered to act as a substitute. The first degree was fairly well exemplified by W. Bro. Roebuck. The quality of the work was not, however, as correct as I should like to have seen it. This is the infant lodge of the district, and from the good spirit and enthusiasm displayed by its members will, ere long, take front rank among the lodges of the Second Masonic District. Brethren present, 60. After adjournment all present partook of a very bountiful repast provided by the members of 425.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: I visited this lodge November 12th, 1891, W. Bro. A. E. Harvey presiding, the other chairs being filled by their respective officers. The second and third degrees were conferred by the W.M. and his officers in a most effective and correct manner. This lodge is composed of some very enthusiastic members who are fully alive to the well-being of the Craft in general, and their own lodge in particular, and being animated by the spirit that seemed to pervade them upon this occasion cannot fail to hold the position they have attained, that of being one of the foremost lodges in the district. Number present, 40.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I visited this lodge on Dec. 9th, 1891, the work for the evening being the election of officers. The opening and closing of the lodge was very poorly gone through with. This lodge has been partly dormant for some time. The W.M. did not appear to have taken as lively an interest in the work of the lodge as he should have done, but since my visit of December 9th, a decided improvement has taken place, W. Bro. Kennedy and his officers having taken a hold with a will and determination to place Huron Lodge upon its old footing, and I am pleased to state that they have succeeded most admirably. Since the installation of the present staff of officers this lodge has made good progress, having been obliged to hold frequent emergency meetings to keep up with the work offering, and I am credibly informed that the material taken in is number one in quality. Members present at my first visit, 20. I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master upon the occasion of his visit to this lodge at an emergency meeting held on Jan. 28th, 1892, when he delivered his highly interesting and instructive lecture.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona : I visited this lodge Dec. 11th, 1891, the work for the evening consisting of a raising and the election of officers, W. M. Bro. T. Nelson presiding until the lodge was opened in the third degree, when Past Master W. Bro. Hooper assumed the gavel and conducted the work in the sublime degree. The work of the officers was good, but in certain parts of the ceremonies they did not keep as close to the correct lines as they should, some of them being somewhat nervous, owing in a great measure, I have no doubt, to the large number of visitors present from Thedford, Watford and other points. I embraced the opportunity to draw their attention to the weak spots and the incorrect renditions. They, however, are apparently well grounded in the work of the several degrees, and with practice will make excellent officers. Number present, 37.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Euclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy : I visited these lodges at a joint meeting held at Strathroy on Dec. 18th, 1891, for the purpose of consummating their amalgamation. After the election of the officers they were installed by P.D.D.G M.J.P. Whitehead, he performing the ceremony in his usual able and most impressive manner. There are a large number of thoroughly well posted and good working members now in connection with Beaver Lodge, No. 83, and in consequence of this amalgamation a very strong lodge has been formed, and one that should take front rank both as to numbers and the quality of the work done. I did not have an opportunity of seeing the degree work of the officers, but with such posted members as R.W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead, W. Bros. Currie, McBeth and others in the East, I am satisfied that the performance of the various duties and ceremonies are thoroughly well looked after. Members present, 40. Membership of amalgamation, 111.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward : I paid an official visit to this lodge on Jan 11th, 1892, the work of the evening consisting of the conferring of the F. C. degree, W. Bro. B. George presiding. The work was well done and fully in keeping with the previous record of this lodge for correct work, with the exception of the duties of the S. D., that officer having been very remiss in attending lodge meetings, and was consequently very rusty. I took occasion to remind the brethren present to consider well and make up their minds before accepting office that they were fitted for the position. I afterwards installed the officers, all of whom are young, energetic and enthusiastic Masons, and will give a good account of themselves in their several offices. Number present, 30.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia : I paid an official visit to this lodge Jan. 13th, 1892, W. Bro. Erb, W.M., presiding, the other chairs being filled by their respective officers. The work for the evening consisted of the conferring of the third degree, which was done very efficiently by P.M. W. Bro. Jackson, ably assisted by the other officers. The work done speaks well for the subordinate officers, this being their first attempt in assisting in degree conferring work, and the first meeting since the installation. The W.M., Bro. Erb, I am reliably informed, is a good and skilful worker, but this being the first meeting since his installation, having had no practice in the conferring of degrees, and there being a large number of old and well skilled members present, he asked to be excused from attempting the third degree upon this occasion. Judging from the manner in which he opened and closed his lodge, I am satisfied that the brethren of Petrolia Lodge made no mistake when they entrusted the gavel to his hand. Number present, 30.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden : I visited this lodge on January 16th. The night was a very stormy one, snowing and drifting badly, and as this lodge is composed very largely of members who reside in the country, and in some instances at a distance of seven and eight miles, the attendance was small and it was somewhat late before the lodge was opened. W. Bro. W. J. Wood presided, the other officers, with the exception of the S.W. and J.D., being in their respective places. The work of the evening was one initiation, which was well done. In conversation with the members of this lodge I found that they had not had a great deal of work for some time past, but that the prospects for the future were good, and judging from the staff of officers and members, with whom I came in contact, Leopold Lodge should certainly pick up and make good progress. Number present, 13.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges : I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to this lodge on March the 8th, but unfortunately there was no degree work, and in consequence I had not an opportunity of judging as to the efficiency of the officers. This is an old lodge and has a membership of 71, but this has evidently been an off year of seven. They are in good financial standing, owning their own building and lodge room, which is very tastefully furnished and worth about \$2,000, with an encumbrance of only some \$360. This lodge is composed of a number of good and energetic Masons, who take a lively interest in everything Masonic, and should hold its own well, notwithstanding that it is almost surrounded by other lodges at Strathroy, Dutton, Melbourne, etc., which thus limits its territory very materially.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne : I officially visited this lodge on March 9th, 1892. In this case the roads were in a very bad condition indeed, being in some places almost impassable, and in consequence the attendance of members was not at all what I could wish, nor was the lodge opened as promptly as it should have been, but under the circumstances, the slim attendance of members and delay in the opening of the lodge was excusable. The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree by the W.M., Bro. Torrance, who was somewhat nervous, and, I am satisfied, did not do himself justice. With a little practice, Bro. Torrance will make a good and efficient W. Master. He is evidently well grounded in the ritualistic part of the work. He was ably assisted in the work of the evening by the other officers of the lodge. I am indeed pleased to be able to report that this lodge is rapidly coming to the front after a somewhat lengthy period of depression. The officers and members present appeared to be most anxious to perfect themselves in the duties of their various offices. Members present, 12.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia : I paid an official visit to this lodge on April 12th. The W. M., Bro. D. M. Grant, presided, and the other officers were in their respective chairs. At this meeting the W. M. initiated a candidate and conferred one second degree, doing the work well and impressively, in which he was most ably assisted by the other officers, all doing their parts well. The question of dealing with members in arrears for dues was taken up by the members present and promptly dealt with, at which I was much pleased, as I find that in a number of cases members of lodges are somewhat loath to deal with this question sharply, evidently from a false idea that it may be the cause of retarding the progress of the lodge were they to promptly suspend such members. Altogether a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent in Victoria Lodge room, and as this lodge appears to have been at somewhat of a standstill for a time, I am pleased to be able to report

that there is every indication of returning life and activity, and the zeal displayed by the officers and members whom I had the pleasure of meeting leads me to hope for great progress in Craft work by the lodge. Number present, 27.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to this lodge in the evening of May 3rd, 1892, the W. M., Bro. McHattie, presided. All the other officers were present and in their proper chairs. The work allotted for the evening being the conferring of the first and second degrees, which was well and impressively done by W. Bro. McHattie, who was ably assisted by the other officers, who are well up in their several parts and keep well to the line of correct work. This lodge is doing good and successful work and making progress. Members present, 31; visitors, 19; total, 50. After adjournment the officers and members entertained the visiting brethren at luncheon.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: I paid an official visit to this lodge May 6th. In this and several other instances I had the misfortune to so time my visit as to meet the worst possible kind of roads, and this in country places invariably means but a poor or rather small attendance of the brethren owing to so many living at a considerable distance from the lodge room. The W. M., Bro. Cameron, was absent, being in attendance at court in London, and P. M. W. Bro. Toohill presided. There being no work, the evening was spent in talking over Masonic work generally and a most profitable and instructive hour was thus passed by the nine members who put in an appearance, and myself. R. W. Bro. Calvert, P.D.D.G.M., of this district, showed well to the front at all points up for discussion in his usual happy manner. This has been an off year with Ionic Lodge, they not having had a candidate up to date. The members, however, are apparently a very energetic and zealous lot, and under the experienced eye of R. W. Bro. Calvert keep well to the line of correct Masonic work and conduct. After adjournment the brethren very kindly entertained me at supper.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to this lodge on May 11th, W. Bro. McKay presiding; the other officers in their respective places, except the S. W., who was absent, owing, I understand, to illness, the chair in the west being ably filled by P. M. Bro. Sinclair. Owing to the illness of the candidate who was to have been initiated, and the absence (on account of long distance from lodge room and bad roads) of four brethren entitled to be raised to the sublime degree of a M. M., I had to be contented with an exemplification of the third degree by the W. M., the W. M. and his officers doing their several parts to my satisfaction. This lodge is making good progress. Number present, 23.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: I paid an official visit to this lodge on May 13th. The W. Master, Bro. Hanks, presided. The candidate for initiation did not put in an appearance, but the W.M. very kindly consented to, and did exemplify the first degree, doing his part correctly and being well supported by his officers, who with himself evidently thoroughly appreciated their responsibility, and have taken pains to fit themselves for the proper discharge of the duties devolving upon them. Number present, 17.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: I visited this lodge on June 7th, 1892, the W.M., Bro. F. Goodier, presiding. This has been an off year with Havelock Lodge, not a single member having been added to their number, the only work on the occasion of my visit being the election of officers. However, this has been the second term for

W. Bro. Goodier as W.M., and I am most reliably informed that he is a thoroughly good and correct worker and has his officers well up in their respective parts. Members present, 34. After adjournment the officers and members of Havelock very generously entertained their visitors and myself at a supper, when a most pleasant social hour was spent by all present.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Mooretown : I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge on June 9th, being accompanied from Sarnia by W. Bro. R. Kerr, P.M. of Victoria Lodge, Sarnia. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, P.G.C. and W.M. There being no work, a pleasant hour was spent in talking over Masonic matters generally. This lodge has made no progress during the past year, and I hope an effort will be put forth by my successor in office and the officers of Moore Lodge for the coming Masonic year to infuse new life into it. I see no reason why a good strong lodge could not be built up out of the good material that surely must be obtainable between Courtright and Mooretown combined. There unfortunately appears to be somewhat of a division in this lodge, a portion of the members desiring the removal to Courtright and an equal number insisting upon its retention at Mooretown. Members present, 6; visitors, 8; total 14.

CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

I am very happy to be able to state that the W.M. and officers of the various lodges render the ritualistic part of the ceremonies as near as can be to the recognized system, which is certainly very gratifying to a D.D.G.M., as his duties are thus rendered much lighter and more pleasant.

DEATHS.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported to me : Bro. Joseph Alexander, of Beaver Lodge, Ne. 83, Strathroy ; Bro. J. Rogers, of Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming ; and Bro. Henry Parker, of Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest ; and Bro. Benjamin Franklin Bartlette, of St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have during my term of office granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend divine service clothed as Masons : Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest ; Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs ; Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia ; and Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this my official report, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for their many acts of kindness and good will extended to me during my term of office, and I am sure I am justified in predicting for my successor a hearty and loyal welcome and generous support from the members of the Craft of the Second Masonic District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. D. GREGG, D.D.G.M.

Second Masonic District.

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

M.W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg leave to submit to you the annexed report in reference to the condition of the Craft in the Third Masonic District.

During the year I visited the whole of the lodges within the jurisdiction, and found them in a fairly prosperous condition. In some sections renewed interest in the work has been evinced as a result of the visits of the M.W. the Grand Master, and there are good grounds for belief that the future of the majority of the lodges will be brighter than in the immediate past.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: I visited this lodge on Oct. 16th, in company with R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Davis. W. Bro. McIntyre, W. M., conferred the first and third degrees. The officers perform their work in a moderately efficient manner; 25 brethren were present; 7 visitors; membership, 25; arrears, \$100; debt on hall, \$400. The lodge room is insured.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 373, London West: On the 21st October I visited this lodge. V. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke, G. S. of W., and a large number of London brethren accompanied me. The third degree was exemplified in an able manner by W. Bro. J. H. Smith, Past Master (since deceased), and officers of the lodge. Membership, 58. The lodge occupies a rented room, but it is complete in every respect, and the furniture is insured. Arrears of dues, \$200.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: This lodge is one of the most efficiently worked in the jurisdiction, and on the two occasions on which I visited it, the work was admirably done. My first visit was on December 7th, 1891, when V. W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, W. M., and officers conferred the first degree. He proved a model Master. 60 brethren were present. I again visited this lodge on May 2nd, 1892, when W. Bro. McWhinney and officers exemplified the third degree. Total membership, 50. Arrears of dues, \$30.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: I visited this lodge on December 16th, when W. Bro. Stevenson, W. M., and officers conferred the first degree, and Past Master Carruthers exemplified the second. The work was efficiently performed. On June 9th I visited this lodge, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree by W. Bro. Rowat and officers. "Simply perfect," was the verdict regarding the work. Membership, 172; arrears of dues, \$200; degrees conferred, 35 E. A.; 12 F. C.; 8 M. M.; Susp. N. P. of D., 3.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: When I visited this lodge the W. M. was absent, and P. M. Jordan presided, and opened and closed in the three degrees. There seemed to be lack of life in the lodge. Probably a very successful Scotch concert which was held in the village on the night of my visit had a depressing influence on the attendance. Members, 36, of whom less than a dozen were present. There was no work.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: I visited this lodge March 8th, when 14 of the total membership of 27 were in attendance. No degrees were conferred, but the lodge was opened and closed in a very creditable way by W. Bro. Weeks and officers in the three degrees. This lodge owns its lodge room free of debt, and has it insured, besides

having a deposit of \$220 in the bank. This prosperity can be traced to the persistent interest exhibited in the welfare of the lodge by the Past Masters and members.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth : On Wednesday, January 13th, when I visited this lodge with Past Master O'Neil I found it in a prosperous state. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. Bogue and officers. The work was well done ; 25 members were present, 6 of whom were P.M's. They own the lodge room, but there is a considerable debt to be cleared off.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston : Visited this lodge March 9th ; 14 members were present out of a total of 28. W. Bro. Johnston and officers conferred the third degree on two candidates. Considering the practice they have had, the work was meritorious. The members should set about reducing the arrears of dues. One hundred and fifty dollars in outstanding dues for a lodge of this size is too much. The building in which the meetings are held is a poor one, but it is satisfactory to learn that the brethren contemplate building a new lodge room. The Master of this lodge is well up in all the degrees.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware : When I visited this lodge on March 11th, W. M. Hutton was absent on account of illness in his family. The third degree was exemplified by P. M. Sawyer, of Mount Brydges. I regret to learn that a too free use of the black ball has been made in this lodge. Personal pique should have no place in Masonry. Membership 35, of whom 15 were present. Only \$22 of arrears on the books. The state of the lodge is financially good.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, East London : Visited this lodge April 5th. Two second degrees and one third were conferred by W. M. John Stead and officers. The lodge makes steady progress, its membership being now 75 ; 52 brethren were present, 25 being visitors. Arrears, \$126 ; cash on hand, \$200. Eleven degrees conferred during the year.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer.—W. Bro. Clarke, W.M., initiated a candidate on my visit, April 6th. This was the first time all the officers had been in harness, and the work was a credit to them. Membership 69, of whom 33 were present. The utmost harmony prevails in this lodge ; there is true Masonic co-operation. Assets, \$779 ; no liabilities. Bright prospects for the future.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo : W. Bro. Cooper, of London, accompanied me to this lodge on April 7th, when W. Bro. McMurphy initiated two candidates. The work was moderately efficient. Total membership 47, of whom 23 were present and 3 visitors. Degrees conferred, 11. There are a number of live Masons in this lodge, and they make their influence felt.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London : This is the youngest lodge in the city, but it already has a good membership and is progressing. When I visited it on April 11, W. Bro. McMillan, W.M., passed two candidates, and was ably assisted by his officers. This was a most fraternal gathering. Total membership, 86 ; total arrears, \$286.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London : I visited this lodge on April 12th, when 70 members were present, of whom 30 were visitors. W. Bro. John Smith and officers conferred the second degree in an able manner. The total membership is 134. Degrees conferred, 19. Arrears of dues, \$300.

Kilwinning Lodge, No 64, London : W. Bro. A. A. Campbell exemplified the work in the third degree when I visited this lodge on April 21st. I cannot praise the work too highly ; indeed all London

lodges seem to be well officered this year. Membership, 137; degrees conferred, 20; arrears, \$145. The future of this lodge seems secured.

St. George Lodge, No. 42, London: W. Bro. Luscombe and officers conferred the third degree when I visited this lodge on May 4th. It was an inspiration to listen to and witness the ceremony. The work could not be improved upon. Membership, 109; degrees conferred, 28; all arrears paid up.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester: No degree work was done when I visited this lodge on May 5th, but I was assured that W. Bro. Wade, W.M., could exemplify the whole work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a creditable manner. The brethren own the lodge, free of debt, and co-operate in every good work. Membership, 25.

Spartan Lodge, No. 176, Sparta: The membership of this lodge is small, and the attendance is not what it ought to be, giving little encouragement to the officers. When I visited this lodge on May 9th, W. Bro. Bailey, W.M., opened and closed in the three degrees, there being no work. The brethren rent a comfortably fitted up hall, and have their furniture insured. They are out of debt.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: I regret to say that the W. Master W. Bro. Campbell suffered from a cold and could not confer the degrees. Two candidates were initiated. P. M. Else, of Iona, and myself officiated. The assistant officers performed their allotted tasks with fair proficiency. The books have been neglected, and the lodge is without by-laws. Amendment was promised. What is needed is closer attention to the duties of the office by W.M.'s elect. The lodge owns the hall and is out of debt, but there is no insurance. Arrears of dues, \$40.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: I visited this lodge May 11th. There was no work, and W. Bro. Dundas opened and closed in the three degrees. I am convinced that the officers are efficient. Some time ago the brethren were burned out, and they now occupy a rented structure. They contemplate building a hall for their own use. About thirty members were present.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: When I visited this lodge on May the 19th, the W. Master having left the jurisdiction, V.W. Bro. Hess raised two candidates and was ably assisted by the officers. This lodge is prosperous and is about to move into a capacious, new lodge room. Fifty brethren were present, amongst them Rev. Bro. McIntyre, who gave an able address in endorsement of the tenets of the Craft.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: I visited this lodge June 2nd. Fifty brethren were in attendance, of whom sixteen were visitors. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Wallis, W.M., and officers. Membership, 114; degrees conferred, 37. The prospects of the lodge are excellent.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: On June 6th I visited this, my mother lodge, officially, and witnessed the opening and closing ceremonies, there being no work. W. Bro. Bartley, the W.M., can efficiently confer all the degrees. The lodge is one of the youngest in the jurisdiction, but it makes steady progress. Membership, 52. I installed the officers of this lodge on Friday, 24th June.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: I visited this lodge in company with Bro. T. Clarke, of St. John's Lodge, No. 20. About twenty members were present, including 4 visitors. After the election of officers W. Bro. Wilson, W.M., opened and closed in the three degrees, and the work was creditably performed. The W.M. can confer all the

degrees ; the rest of the officers are well up in the work. The building belongs to the lodge and is insured. Arrears are well paid up. Suspensions, N.P.D., 3.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley : I visited this lodge on June 14th. Present, 20 members ; all the officers in their places. The second degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. Jarvis, W.M., in a manner leaving no room for criticism, and was well supported by his officers. At present they occupy a rented room, through the misfortune of having their building and contents destroyed by fire. They have since secured furniture for their room and are in comfortable quarters, but will shortly move into a new building, which is not yet completed. The brethren of this lodge held a very successful concert in the month of March, and are evidently making rapid progress, for on the occasion of my visit there several applications were received and four ballotted for. Membership, 29 ; degrees conferred, 9 ; total arrears, \$73. Furniture insured.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona : I drove over from St. Thomas to this lodge, accompanied by Bro. McCall, M.P.P., V.W. Bro. Dubber and Bros. Bradshaw, Jones and Ingram, on Friday, June 7th. Present, 30 brethren, of which five were visitors. In the absence of W. Bro. Weldon, P.M. Else presided, and not having any work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees perfectly. I anticipate a bright future for this lodge.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville : I visited this lodge in company with V.W. Bro. Rowat, of Nilestown Lodge, on Wednesday evening, July 6th ; 11 present, of whom 4 were visitors. W. Bro. Kunz, W.M., being absent on account of sickness, the ceremony of opening in the three degrees and installation of officers was performed very efficiently by R. W. Bro. Boyd, of Belmont Lodge, No. 190. This is the weakest lodge in the district, meetings not being held regularly, as they scarcely can muster a quorum ; the few brethren who do belong take an interest in the fraternity, but there are not enough of them, however. One application was received on the evening of my visit.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

I called a Lodge of Instruction in St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas, on June 29th. The work of the first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. A. Campbell, of Kilwinning Lodge ; in the second by W. Bro. McMillan, of Union Lodge, and in the third by W. Bro. McWhinney, of Tuscan Lodge. All of these London brethren showed remarkable proficiency in their duties and they had able co-operation from their officers. I invited free criticism from the brethren present, of whom there was a very large attendance, at the evening session, and a most fraternal exchange of views took place. Comparatively few exceptions were taken to the exemplification. Where there were any doubts I reserved judgment till communication could be had with the M.W. the Grand Master. I had able assistance from R.W. Bro. Slater, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Boyd, P.D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. Hess, V.W. Bro. J. D. Clarke and other leading members of the Craft who kindly attended. V.W. Bro. Clarke acted as Secretary. The general opinion was that there should be at least two lodges of instruction in the district every year.

And now at the close of my year's duties, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the chief head and ruler of the Craft, M.W. Bro. Robertson, who has ever been ready to assist me in the performance of my allotted task. From the Grand Lodge officers, both within the district

and outside of it, I received the utmost consideration. The officers and brethren of the lodges under my supervision have in every case extended me the greatest of kindness and the warmest fraternal greetings. I shall never forget the many warm welcomes and the uniform desire to conform to the laws and usages of the Craft. I took hold of the office with much misgiving, comparatively inexperienced as I was; but it is a source of unfeigned pleasure to me, to be able to leave the office with the assurance that during the entire term, nothing has occurred to mar the harmony of the brethren in any way, and in any one of the lodges placed under my supervision.

I hope and trust that the same fraternal spirit will prevail in the jurisdiction in the year about to be entered on, and I bespeak for my successor the same kind consideration as has been extended to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. E. ROBSON, D.D.G.M.

London, July 13th, 1892.

Third Masonic District.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., Canada:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you my second report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District, having been elected to the honorable position of D.D.G.M. for the second time at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, held in the city of Toronto.

There are in this district fifteen lodges, and during the year just past I have visited officially every lodge. The general condition of Masonry in the district is most satisfactory, and I think a good deal of interest has been taken in some of the weaker lodges since the visits of the M. W. the Grand Master. Brethren who were in the habit of only attending lodge on special occasions have determined to take more interest in their lodges in future.

After one or two visits I held a Lodge of Instruction in the city of Stratford on Wednesday, 18th November, commencing at 2 p.m. The first degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers of Stratford Lodge, Stratford, and the work was correctly done. Third degree exemplified by the W. M. and officers of Doric Lodge, Park Hill, and the work correctly done. There was a splendid attendance of the brethren, and a very interesting and profitable time spent.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford : I visited on Monday, 9th Nov., W. M. and officers present. Third degree exemplified, and the opening and closing in the three degrees were correct. This is one of the best lodges in the district. Members present, 26 ; visitors, 7 ; average attendance, 24 ; dues mostly all paid up. Financial standing good ; books well kept.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth : Visited this lodge on Monday, Feb. 1st, W. M. and officers present. First degree exemplified and opening and closing in the second and third very well done. The prospects are brighter for Britannia than they were a year ago. Average attendance, 15 ; dues well paid up and the books well kept.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich : I visited this lodge on Feb. 9th, members present, 21 ; visitors 2 ; W. M. and all the officers present except S. W. The lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and the third degree exemplified, which was very well done considering that they have not had any work to do for some time. The finan-

ces of the lodge are in good shape, books well kept and the dues fairly well paid up; with the present staff of officers, Maitland Lodge should prosper.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309: Visited this lodge on Wednesday, 10th Feb., accompanied by W. Bro. Park and a number of the Goderich brethren. Being a very stormy night, the attendance was not large. The W. M. was absent on account of sickness. W. Bro. Young, P.M., took the chair, opened the lodge in the first, second and third degrees, and exemplified the first degree very well. Average attendance, 12; dues well paid up and the lodge in a prosperous state.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303: Visited this lodge on Feb. 16th, the W. M. and officers all present. Lodge opened in the three degrees and first degree exemplified, which was correctly done. Members present, 20; average attendance, 15; dues well paid up and the lodge in a prosperous condition.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton: Visited this lodge on Feb. 12th, W. M. and all the officers present. The lodge opened in the three degrees. Members present, 20; average attendance, 14; dues well paid up.

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter: I visited this lodge on Monday, March 9th, W. M. and all the officers present. Brethren present, 28; average attendance, 25; dues well paid up and the lodge in a prosperous condition. A candidate was initiated and the work was perfect. This is one of the best working lodges in the district; it has been in existence about thirty years and has initiated over 235 members. The success is due to V. W. Bro. Eacrett, the very efficient secretary. The books are well kept, and with the present staff of officers, Lebanon Forest is bound to go ahead.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, May 12th. W. Bro. Cameron being absent, W. Bro. Dawson, P.M., occupied the chair. Lodge opened in the first, second and third degrees and the work was correctly done. Members present 20, average attendance 15, dues well paid up and the lodge in a prosperous state.

Tecumseh Lodge, 144, Stratford: I visited this lodge on Thursday, the 7th April. The W. M. and officers present, a large number of the brethren in attendance. M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, was present and delivered a lecture on Masonry, which was very much appreciated by the brethren present. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, dues are well paid up, books well kept and the lodge ranks among the best in the district.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: I visited this lodge on Monday, the 4th May. W. M. and all the officers present. Lodge opened in the first, second and third degrees, and the second degree exemplified, all the work done very correctly. Members present, 20; average attendance, 15; dues fairly well paid up and lodge in a flourishing condition.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: I visited this lodge on May 7th, the W. M. and all the officers present, also a number of Exeter brethren. Lodge opened in the three degrees and a candidate initiated. Work well done. Members present, 20; visitors, 5; average attendance, 14. Dues well paid up. Lodge is in a prosperous condition.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg: Visited this lodge on Monday, 18th of May, the W. M. and all the officers present. Lodge opened in first, second and third degrees, and one candidate initiated. The W. M. and officers did the work very well. Members present, 25; average attendance. 15; dues well paid up and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden : Visited this lodge on Friday, January 15th, W. M. and all the officers present. Lodge opened in first, second and third degrees, and the work correctly done. Attendance, 22 ; average attendance, 16 ; dues well paid up, and the lodge in a flourishing condition.

Irving Lodge, 154, Lucan : I visited this lodge on May 7th, W. M. and all the officers present. Lodge opened in the first, second and third degrees and a candidate raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. The work was very well done. Members present, 20 ; average attendance, 15 ; dues well paid up and the lodge in a prosperous condition.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell : Visited this lodge on Tuesday, June 7th, W. M. and all the officers present. Lodge opened in first, second and third degrees. Brethren present, 16 ; average attendance, 12. Dues not as well paid up as should be. Tudor Lodge is not making much progress, in fact it is at a standstill and has been for some time.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM WHITE, D.D.G.M.
Fourth Masonic District.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—I have the honor to report as under :

The brethren of District No. 5 will please accept my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the important office in Grand Lodge, of D.D.G.M., and for the warmth and loyalty of their uniform kindness and courtesy to me throughout the district. The excellent work done by my predecessors has brought forth good fruit, and has tended to lighten my duties and make them pleasant and agreeable. The earnest effort being made by the Secretaries to collect the dues of brethren is greatly lessening that most disturbing and depressing of all evils, "non-payment of dues." All along the line I find a healthy and enthusiastic spirit prevail and the condition of the lodges prosperous. The utmost harmony exists among the brethren in the various lodges, and cordial relations among the lodges. No complaint has been submitted to me, nor have I been called upon to settle a difficulty or disagreement during my time of office. During the year, the M.W., the Grand Master, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, has visited and lectured in every lodge in my district. These visits have done much to encourage the brethren who are not slow to appreciate the enormous labor undertaken and accomplished by the occupant of the grand east. R.W. Bros. Martyn, Bruce and Telford, have kindly and readily co-operated with me in all matters pertaining to the advancement of Masonry in the district, for which they will please accept my thanks. The past year has been one of marked prosperity. Peace has prevailed throughout our borders, we have lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes. The pure principles of our noble institution have stood us well in hand and aided many times, and in many places to tone down the passion of heated debate during the political campaign of unusual activity and intensity which has but recently closed. In no instance did I find the slightest trace of discord or bitterness in the lodges during this most exciting period. This is as it should be. The threshold of a Masonic Lodge must always be the line over which party discord must not pass.

The death roll, as reported to me during this year, is as follows : R.W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn, Saugeen Lodge ; Bros. William Bradley, Aldworth Lodge ; Chas. Thompson, Maple Leaf ; W. B. Machardy, Northern Light ; John Campbell, Old Light and W. F. Jennings, Cedar Lodge. I would strongly advise the adoption of revised by-laws by all the lodges being made imperative by Grand Lodge, as most, if not all, of the present by-laws are hopelessly and deplorably defective.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine : Visited, April 6th, 1892. The weather was good and the attendance large, 53 including visitors. Quite a number of the brethren from Bruce Lodge, No. 341, being present including W. Bro. Chambers, W.M., and W. Bro. McKeller, Sec'y P.M. A candidate was raised, the work being well done by the W.M., W. Bro. Collins, assisted by R.W. Bro. Martyn. The opening and closing in all the degrees by the W.M. could hardly be better done. The Wardens do their work well, and the Deacons act promptly and speak so that they can be heard by the brethren, which is much to be commended. The Secretary's books are kept in a perfect manner and the history of the lodge complete from its organization. The Treasurer's books are also perfectly kept, the audits properly entered and his account with the lodge properly balanced. The finances of the lodge are in good shape, showing a fair balance of cash on hand, though over \$200 is paid annually in charity. The lodge room is large and well furnished, the ante-rooms convenient and the refreshment room large and ample and, better still, owned by the lodge. The membership is large and, as is usual, many of the brethren living in distant parts. Under these circumstances it is difficult to keep the dues fully paid up, however, the dues are fairly paid. Northern Light is the oldest, the largest and the wealthiest in the district and, without discredit to other lodges, the most hospitable.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton : Visited Feb. 16th. Officers all present, except the Secretary, who was absent through illness. A candidate was passed to the second degree and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. W. Bro. Nokes, W.M., is a thorough worker. His enthusiasm does much to keep St. Lawrence up to its present efficient standard. The Wardens did their work well. The S. D., with more practice, will succeed. This lodge is in good standing financially. Through the energy of W. Bro. Lindsey and others of the older members, they own their own lodge room, a commodious building conveniently situated, and have a revenue from a portion of the building, the lower flat, leased to tenants. A number of brethren from Port Elgin were present. They asked St. Lawrence to grant them leave to open a new lodge at Port Elgin, which was unanimously consented to. On account of the vocation of most of the members causing their members to be from home during the greater part of summer, the lodge does not meet regularly during the summer months. There are few lodges doing better work under the circumstances than 131. The W. M. and members showed me much kindness, which I shall remember with pleasure.

Forest Lodge, 162, Wroxeter : Visited Feb. 8th; 18 members and two visitors present. Officers all present, except J. W. A candidate was initiated and the lodge opened and closed in all the degrees. The work was exceedingly well done by W. M. and Wardens. W. Bro. Ireland is thoroughly well up in his work. The Secretary, Bro. Fox, keeps his books in good shape and is looking well after members' dues, though he finds it difficult to keep absentees square on his books. The lodge room is comfortable and the lodge having money on hand, are adding

some new furniture, which was required. Forest Lodge, though small, is possessed of good material and doing good work. W. Bro. Dr. Smale, P.M., has done much for 162 and is still doing much by his constant attendance and active assistance of the officers when occasion requires it. Forest Lodge is one of the most active in the district.

Old Light, 184, Lucknow : Visited Feb. 11th. All the officers present, 19 members and one visitor. I was pleased to see so large an attendance on so stormy a night, and also as a severe political contest was going on in the riding, the election being held that day. A candidate was initiated and the lodge opened and closed in all the degrees by W. M. and officers. W. Bro. Hayes does his work with enthusiasm and well, and is ably supported by his Wardens and other officers. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept. Here, as in many other lodges, the Secretary finds it difficult to keep members square on his books. The lodge room is ample and comfortable, a little too far out for convenience. It is owned by the lodge, and having spent considerable money on it, they overlook the inconvenience. Some of our pioneer Masons are found at Lucknow. The brethren of Old Light showed me much kindness and made my visit pleasant and agreeable.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton : Visited May 10th. The night was wet and disagreeable ; nevertheless, there was a good attendance of members and visitors, 53 being present. Saugeen has had for many years the advantage of having on its members' roll many active and skilled Masons, and Grand Lodge has from time to time placed deserved honors on them. The membership is 50. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Green's books are well kept, and dues so closely attended to, that only one member was in arrears for dues at the date of my visit. The lodge-room is one of the best in the district, comfortably furnished. The finances of the lodge were never in better shape. A candidate was initiated, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees by the W.M. R.W. Bro. Telford assisted at the initiation. The work was excellent, all the officers being well skilled and expert workmen, close attention having been given to the revised work. The kindness of the brethren to myself was exceedingly pleasant, and will not soon be forgotten. Much has been done in the past for the cause of Masonry by this excellent lodge, and the prospects for future excellence were never brighter.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel : Visited Dec. 9th, 1891. There were 22 members present. A candidate was initiated by P.M. Blackmore, the W.M., Bro. Irvine, being absent through illness. It being the evening for election of officers, no further work was done. Visited again on Jan. 13th, 1892, and installed the officers. Bernard has the finest lodge-room in the district V.W. Bro. John Nichol, who was elected and installed Master, has, through a severe attack of la grippe, been unable to attend only on one or two meetings during his term. The work is being well done by W.M. Blackmore, P.M., assisted by other P.M.'s, who are willing and capable. The Secretary, W. Bro. John Watson, is a zealous Mason, has his books well kept, and is keeping lodge dues well collected. The treasurer, W. Bro. Hopler, attends lodge regularly, and keeps account of the funds of the lodge. Many of the most active members of Bernard Lodge, though not severing their connection, are absent pursuing their vocations. The attendance of members is not apparently good. There is, however, a good future in store for Bernard, and quite a number of additions to membership, of the right material.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley : Visited Feb. 15. There was a violent snow storm, roads badly blocked. I was more than pleased to find 25 members and three visitors present, some coming quite a distance. The S. W. came from London, where he is temporarily engaged, to attend. A candidate was initiated, and the lodge opened and closed in all the degrees by the W. M. and the regular officers. The work done in this lodge is of the very best, W. Bro. Brown and his Wardens being skilled workmen. The lodge-room and premises are convenient and suitable. The good feeling and enthusiasm of the brethren auger well for their future. The Secretary and Treasurer's books are well kept. A little more pressure on delinquent members to pay dues is recommended. W. Bro. J. McGraw, who has attained his fiftieth year as a Mason, was tendered a banquet, and presented with an address and Past Master's jewel by his brethren. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and all join the Aldworth Lodge in wishing Bro. McGraw many happy years to enjoy the respect of his brethren.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater : Visited May 6th, 1892. The lodge is progressing. The officers have been doing good work and excellent material is entering. I was pleased to see so many young men among the members. W. Bro. Chapman, W. M., is most anxious to bring up his lodge to the front rank. I strongly advised frequent meetings for practice in order that greater familiarity with the work would render the ceremonies more interesting to the officers and members. I was assured by the W. M. and J. W., Bro. Smith, whom I have known for some years as an enthusiastic Mason, and to whom I am under obligation for much kindness as a generous host, that frequent meetings would be held and the working of the lodge perfected. The S. W. was not present. Bro. Farquharson is acting Secretary efficiently in the absence of the Secretary. The lodge is acting with judgment in arranging with old members who were in arrears, and they promise to collect promptly from members now entering. This they will need to do as they are moving shortly into larger premises and intend investing in more furniture. Seven brethren from Forest Lodge, accompanied by their well skilled W. M. Bro. Ireland, came over from Wroxeter to attend the meeting and did much to encourage 276. W. Bro. Ireland did some of the work during the evening at the request of the W. M. I feel greatly encouraged with the zeal and enthusiasm of the brethren and am confident of their continued prosperity, especially as they promised to meet often for practice to bring themselves up to the proper standard. I strongly advise the brethren to visit other lodges as often as possible. This is desirable in all cases.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels : Visited February 9th. Attendance, 30 ; officers all present. Seven candidates were ballotted for and two applications. Two candidates were initiated and all the degrees exemplified. The work done by the Master and his Wardens would be difficult to excel, every detail being closely watched and work intelligently done. V. W. Bro. John Shaw is an ideal Secretary : correct, prompt and capable. Delinquent members must feel uncomfortable, I notice they pay promptly. The finances of the lodge are on a sound basis, receipts promptly handed over to the Treasurer who handles them prudently. The older and leading members of St. John's attend regularly, make lodge meetings interesting to the younger members and are in this way having great prosperity. W. Bros. Blackmore, Hepler and Watson, and Bros. Brooks, Spears, Foster and Buck, from Bernard, accompanied the representative of G. L. on this occasion. The brethren of 184 were exceedingly kind in entertaining their

visitors. Brussels is to be congratulated in having such an active body of Masons.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: Visited March 8th. The attendance was small, 18: of which number 4 were visitors. Officers all present, W. M. in the chair. A candidate was raised, the work being done by the W. M. and his officers. W. Bro. Williams, though in his first year, did the work with the confidence of a skilled workman. He has already mastered the work, not being satisfied to be able to do part only. His Wardens are also capable and do their work intelligently. The Secretary is one of the most capable in the district, he occupied the unique position of having every member in the lodge clear on his books, not one dollar being due or in arrears from members. I took occasion to congratulate the lodge on such a peculiar state of affairs. W. Bro. Tamlin assisted at the ceremony of raising by performing appropriate music on their fine organ. The brethren of 286 had been much discouraged some time ago by the defalcation of their Treasurer and by other causes, but the true Masonic spirit of a few such as W. Bros. Tamlin and Morton, and the hearty co-operation of others, have set them on a good footing, with good prospects.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: Visited May 5th. The day was wet and cold and country roads bad. The membership of the lodge is 26, of whom 16 were present. This indicated zeal on the part of the brethren, taking the state of the roads into consideration. The lodge met for the first time in their new and handsome lodge room which was pushed to readiness by the brethren, who were busy putting down carpets and placing furniture in position when we arrived late in the afternoon. When they get their new furniture in place, which will not be long now, the lodge room will be dedicated by the M.W. the G.M., who has graciously promised to be present. Bro. B. F. Brook, I.G., Bernard, 225, accompanied me from Listowel, notwithstanding the fact that 14 miles of a mud road must be driven on this cold, wet day. I was much grieved and disappointed that the W.M., W. Bro. T. Donaghy, was taken suddenly ill a few minutes before the lodge met and unable to attend. W. Bro. Hynes, P.M., though having no previous notice, took the chair, opened and closed the lodge with skill and ability, and was willing to exemplify either of the degrees. This duty I declined to place on him, as there was no candidate waiting advancement. W. Bro. Donaghy, though unable to be present, I am assured can do all the work with much credit. The conduct of the officers indicated good work being done in the lodge. I have a happy recollection of the Masonic kindness and zeal of the brethren of 331.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: Visited April 5th, 1892. R.W. Bro. Martin, V.W. Bro. Miller, and Bro. Ruttle, of Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, accompanied me, and made the nine miles of a drive a pleasure. 34 members and visitors present. The W.M., W. Bro. Chambers, though young in the work, is well up, and initiated a candidate in good form. W. Bro. Chambers is certain to excel. In the absence of the J.D., W. Bro. Hinders did the work of the J.D. faultlessly. The Wardens ably support the W.M. W. Bro. McKeller is Secretary, and that is sufficient guarantee that the books of the lodge are well kept. Their comfortable lodge room is convenient and owned by the brethren. The collection of dues is being attended to with success. The true Masonic spirit prevails among them, though their numbers are not large, they are doing a good work and have a good prospect.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: Visited January 11th and installed

the officers. The lodge was closed in all the degrees by the newly installed Master and officers in admirable style. On account of the lateness of the hour, no other work was done. R.W. Bro. Bruce, past D.D.G.M., assured me that the W.M. and Wardens were capable of doing the work in all the degrees. The Secy's books are well kept and the funds of the lodge regularly handed over to the Treasurer and the accounts properly audited. This lodge, though not large in numbers, has a number of efficient and well skilled Masons, who, by constant attendance and wise counsel, keep 362 in excellent working order. I had also the pleasure of meeting an old acquaintance, Bro. Rev. R. S. Cooper, D.D., Rural Dean, who is Chaplain of lodge. The thoughtful care and kindness of the brethren to the representative of Grand Lodge was pleasant, and I shall long remember their hearty welcome. There were present 24 members and 3 visitors, one of the latter being W. Bro. Walmsley from Wiarton.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: Visited May 9th, 1892. The attendance was above my expectations, the members turning out well. There were not many visitors present, the funeral of our late Bro. Wm. Bradley of Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, taking place on the same day, at Paisley, and brethren from adjacent lodges attended, and were therefore too late to visit Forest Lodge, as many contemplated doing. The membership is 30; dues are well looked after, only one brother being over 12 months in arrears, and he is living at a distance. Three years ago, in the general conflagration that swept away all the business portion of the village, the lodge-room, furniture and jewels were destroyed, and for a time the brethren were disheartened and the future destiny of the lodge was doubtful. Their zeal, however, overcame all difficulty. W. Bro. Stewart built and fitted up a beautiful lodge room which has been furnished with taste on borrowed cash, which is at present writing almost entirely paid. The comfort and elegance of the lodge room being a true index of the energy of the brethren. There was no regular work on the occasion of my visit, the first degree was exemplified by W.M., and regular officers of the lodge opened and closed in all the degrees. The work in every part was excellent indeed, about perfect, care and attention to ritual and details was evident in every part. To say that I was pleased and delighted is not too strong language to use. The kindly attention shown me during my visit indicated the high esteem they have for the M.W. the Grand Master and the G. Lodge. There is no brighter lodge in the district than 393. The recollection of my visit will always be a pleasure to me.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: Visited Jan. 12th, in the midst of a great snow fall, which in this great lumbering district taxed the energy of every one engaged in this important industry. Notwithstanding all this there were present 24 M.M., 12 members and 12 visitors, some of them having driven some 30 miles to attend lodge. The W.M. and officers present except S.W. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Moore, W.M., who occupied the chair for the first time with great skill, W. Bro. McKim taking part of the work, Bro. Brown who acted as S.W. being particularly excellent in this work. The opening and closing by the W. M. was good. The lodge room is sufficiently large for ordinary lodge work, the ante-rooms convenient. The Secretary, W. Bro. Walmsley, a devoted Mason, does his work with skill. He will need to do so to follow in the footsteps of W. Bro. McKim, who appears by the records to have been acting as Secretary since the lodge opened. The books of Cedar Lodge will compare favorably with those of any lodge in Canada. The Treasurer's books

are also well kept and audited. With the fresh blood coming into the lodge, and the fatherly care of W. Bros. McKim, Irwin and Walmsley, Cedar Lodge is sure to prosper; though now the infant lodge of the district, its rugged growth and sturdy vigor are assured. The cordial welcome extended to me and the kindness of the brethren will long be remembered.

A dispensation having been issued by the M.W. the Grand Master to the brethren of Port Elgin to open a new lodge, I proceeded on the 9th of June to open the lodge. I found they had secured a suitable room in a central position at moderate rent. They had tastefully fitted and comfortably furnished it, and provided officer's jewels and necessary supplies, and are starting absolutely free from debt. Officers P.M. Ruby, W.M.; P.M. George, S.W.; J. F. Lilly, J.W.: sixteen charter members, Brethren from Kincardine, Tiverton, Wiarton, Paisley, Tara, Southampton, Chesley and other places, to the number of fifty-two, came to bid them a hearty welcome into the Masonic fraternity of lodges. From present appearances Port Elgin will be one of our most active and prosperous lodges. R.W. Bros. Martin and Bruce, and W. Bros. Wilson, Brown, Mickle, Goodeve and Collins cheerfully and intelligently assisted in opening the lodge. The brethren of Port Elgin right hospitably entertained their guests.

At the suggestion of the M.W. the Grand Master, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Listowel in the large and excellent lodge room of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, on the 21st June, 45 officers and brethren were present. The lodge was opened by officers of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, at 9.30 a.m., the first degree was exemplified by W.M. and officers of Forest Lodges, 393, Chesley; the third degree by W.M. and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels. The work throughout was excellent. The committee on criticism were troubled to find anything to criticise. No encomium could be too high nor eulogy too strong to express the excellence of the work in every detail on the floor and in the ritual. I take this opportunity of thanking the brethren for their devotion to the work and their study of its principles.

D. D. CAMPBELL,
D.D.G.M., Fifth Masonic District.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I have great pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District, No 6.

Having had the honor of being elected D.D.G.M. for this District at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, held in the City of Toronto in July, 1891, I undertook to do the work a little reluctantly, for two reasons, viz: having to follow in the footsteps of a most enthusiastic predecessor, and, secondly, being somewhat of a stranger in the south part of the district, which was a little embarrassing to myself on the start, where one comes in contact with so many distinguished brethren whom I thought perhaps would criticise my meetings severely; but to my surprise received me with that courtesy and brotherly greeting which seems to characterize the brethren all throughout the district, and is always shown by them to visiting brethren, more especially to the representative of the Grand Master.

My first visit was made to Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, where I received a most cordial greeting. Installation of officers was the occasion of my first visit. W. Bro. Massecar having been re-elected, he has filled the office with credit to himself and profit to the Craft for some years. The other officers were then installed. The large turnout of brethren was evidence enough for me that Masonry in Waterford was flourishing, and more especially when I looked around and saw the way the lodge room was fitted up. Furniture was excellent and the room has a neat appearance, well lighted with gas. The officers are all well up in their work, and the Secretary keeps the books of the lodge in an excellent manner. My impression of the good feeling which existed amongst the brethren of Wilson Lodge, Waterford, was more than realized. Notwithstanding this lodge has met with such severe losses, it is to-day in a good financial position and everything looks well for a prosperous year.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris, January 15th, 1892: My visit to my own lodge was, as would perhaps be expected by me, a quiet evening spent, but some excellent work was done by the W. M., A N. Parney, and his officers, who are all well posted in all the degrees, their work being very creditable to them in every respect. They have a good lodge room, but like a good many others it is poorly ventilated. A good feature in this lodge being the use of the incandescent electric light which, as is well known, is most convenient on certain occasions. I am pleased to state everything is very satisfactory. District Secretary, Bro. J. Sorley, makes a good secretary and keeps everything in good order.

Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, February 5th, 1892: My official visit to the above lodge was made on the date named. A very large number of members greeted me. W. Bro. Roles in the Chair. During the evening there were two new candidates for the F. C. and one for the M. M. The work was excellent, and considering the officers had only been installed in December, they were well up in their work. The S. W. delivered the lecture in the second degree accurately. I noticed some very old faces, one or two especially. The father of the candidate raised was present and with joy in his heart witnessed the beautiful ceremony, afterwards presenting his son with the apron he had worn so long, and which had been worn by his grandfather before him. I thought it a touching scene when he made the remark on his presentation: "I have long looked forward to this and now I am satisfied." W. Bro. P. Walsh was ill, but there was a good turnout of Past Masters and a rule is made in this lodge for the P. Ms. to exemplify the degrees one night in the year, all taking some office in the lodge on that night. This lodge is certainly flourishing and in good financial standing. The lodge room is the most beautiful in the district.

Erie, No. 149, Port Dover, Feb. 8th, 1892: This lodge, although smaller in numbers than some of the others, is progressing, having some old Craftsmen among its members. Although no work was done on the evening I visited there, enough was seen by me to convince me that the officers are well up in their work, and they have a most excellent Secretary, true and trusty. Their lodge room is comfortable and neatly furnished. This place during the summer, is often visited by many distinguished brethren in the holidays, it being a favorite summer resort. Grippe was prevalent at the time of my visit, and prevented some of the old members from attending that evening.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, Feb. 9th, 1892: This lodge was visited by me on the above date and is one of the strongest lodges in

the district. The attendance of members as a rule is very large, and financially it is above the average. W. Bro. Nixon in the chair. Work was done in the Third Degree in a creditable manner, being the first time the W.M. had been called upon to exemplify it. He was well assisted by the other officers. W. Bro. P. Kelly makes an able Secretary, and looks after the books and correspondence well. A large turnout of the brethren in their large hall made a fine spectacle to look upon. The trowels presented to our late M.W. Grand Master Wilson, remind us of his great popularity and the esteem in which he was held by his brethren and the outside world. These are kept as treasures by this lodge, and are always uncovered when the lodge is open. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren afterwards, and certainly gave me the impression that Masonry has advantages here which other towns do not possess, namely, having been the residence for so many years of one of the most distinguished Masons in the world.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, Feb. 10th, 1892: My visit to this lodge was looked forward to by me with pleasure, owing to the fact that the Tilsonburg brethren are noted for their enthusiastic reception of the D.D.G.M., and all visiting brethren. On the evening of my arrival a fire broke out in the town, which prevented the lodge from meeting till late in the evening, too late for any work to be done. The lodge was opened up in the three degrees and closed severally. Questions were asked and explained, and we adjourned to one of the neighboring banqueting halls and the enthusiasm certainly burst forth. R. W. Bro. J. Macdonald, P.D.D.G.M., presided. About 100 being present, and certainly the greatest banquet ever given in my honor was given that night. The officers I know are all well posted, they possess an efficient Secretary and the lodge is in good financial standing, a good lodge room and well furnished, and Masonry is on the move. This lodge will always flourish.

Walsingham, No. 174, Port Rowan, Feb. 11th, 1892: This lodge was visited by me on Feb. 11th, and a good turn out of members attended; considerable work was done. The W.M. certainly works admirably with the other officers. W. Bro. Jas. Ryan is Secretary. Too much praise cannot be given him for the manner in which the lodge books are kept. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Stewart, M.D.; also had the pleasure of presenting a P.M. jewel to W. Bro. P.M. Smith, a worthy Mason, who is held in high estimation by the brethren in the district. The lodge-room is large, well-furnished, and the property of the lodge. Every one seems enthusiastic, and are trying to make the lodge prosper.

Vittoria Lodge, Vittoria, Feb. 12th, 1892: I visited this lodge on Feb. 12th, being accompanied by several of the Simcoe brethren. There was no work done on that evening, except opening and closing in the three degrees. Rt. W. Bro. Kennedy, an enthusiastic Mason, and P.D.D.G.M., was present. The W.M. and officers appear to be all well qualified to fill the positions held by them. W. Bro. D. McCaul, the Secretary, was seriously ill, and was not able to be present. After lodge a banquet was given, R. W. Bro. Kennedy presiding, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The Simcoe brethren, as well as myself, thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Masonry looks well here. The property is owned by the lodge, and is a creditable building. The thermometer registered 20° below zero. A beautiful drive home by full moon brought us back to Simcoe in the morning.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: My visit to this lodge was on March 7th, 1892, and was fairly well attended. No work was exempli-

fied, but the lodge was opened and closed severally in the first, second, and third degrees. The brethren seemed pleased to derive instruction, and some two hours were spent discussing different questions. The lodge-room is comfortable and well furnished, but since my visit the brethren have seen fit to make a change for the better, to a larger hall, and nearer the centre of the town. W. Bro. Chrysler, a great enthusiast, seems to hold the lodge well together. Bro. E. Morgan makes an efficient Secretary. This lodge has an insurance of twelve hundred dollars (not 12,000, as stated in last G. L. Report), on the life of one of its Past Masters, and no doubt keeps them a little more pinched financially than they otherwise would be. They have a fair membership, and Masonry is growing in this thriving town. We spent a pleasant evening after the lodge was closed, when everyone, as well as myself, seemed well pleased.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell, March 8th: My official visit to this lodge was made under trying circumstances, as the roads were axle deep in mud, which made me late in arriving at the appointed time. W. Bro. W. S. Davidson in the chair, work in the Third Degree was the order of the evening. The W. M. exemplified the work most efficiently. He is a thorough master of his lodge and some day will make his mark amongst the leading Craftsmen. His Wardens ably assisted him and the junior officers also. The Secretary, a well tried Craftsman, was on hand, and an examination of his books was a great pleasure to me. The building is owned by the lodge and nothing owing on it. This lodge is flourishing and in a good financial position.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, March 9th, 1892: This Lodge, if I am allowed to make any distinction, is considered the best lodge in the Wilson District. The lodge-room is the same as is used by the brethren of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43; it certainly has a magnificent and imposing appearance upon entering it. When well-filled, as I always have seen it, it is a most imposing sight. Oxford Lodge has the largest membership, consequently a better attendance and financially better. W. Bro. A. M. Clark was in the chair on the occasion of my official visit, as well as at the three other times I have had the honor of attending. There were four candidates to be passed that evening. W. Bro. Clark passed two, and V. W. Bro. Wilkinson passed the remaining two. Both of these brethren worked the degrees as well as it could possibly have been done, being ably assisted by the Wardens, W. A. Karn, S. W., and Bro. John Odium, M.D., J. W. The work was most excellent. It was a pleasure to hear the wardens give their lectures to the candidates. The feature in this lodge which I was particularly struck with was the manner in which the candidates for F.C. and M.M. went through their examinations. They all received the applause from the brethren present which they so well deserved. Another feature I noticed also, was that the Past Masters of this lodge all took some part of the ceremony, and all seemed well posted and pleased to be asked, which I am sorry to say is not the rule by any means in most of the other lodges, perhaps from want of practice or from not being asked. This was really a true Masonic evening, and was the most enjoyable one, so far, on my trip of Masonic inspection. A fine banquet was held afterwards, and the remainder of the evening was spent nearly, to me, as enjoyable as the first part. The worthy secretary of this lodge deserves more than I am able to express. His books are a credit to himself and the lodge which for so long has been honored with his membership. He is one of the most enthusiastic Masons it has been my good fortune to come in contact with. In reading last year's report

by R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter, P.D.D.G.M., I thought he was praising his own lodge rather strongly, but I can now understand the reason and endorse every word. Masonry must prosper in this lodge, and undoubtedly will. The W. M. has great support from the P.M's and all the brethren, being one of the most popular W. M's in the District.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro, March 10th, 1892: This lodge was visited by me on the next evening after Woodstock, in company with Rt. W. Bro. Hunter, P.D.D.G.M., who kindly drove me out. The weather was a regular blizzard and intensely cold. This lodge is composed principally of country members, and a small attendance greeted me owing to the brethren not being able to drive in through the storm, and thus showing their sense by not venturing out. W. Bro. Munro in the chair. No work being on for the evening, the lodge was opened and closed severally in the three degrees which was well done and showed the officers to be skilled workmen. As in every case which I have found, the lodge books are well kept. The lodge room is very neat and tidy, one of the most comfortable lodges I have come across. I was received most enthusiastically by the small number present, and it was a most enjoyable visit to me and will long be remembered. This lodge is doing a good work, and is on the increase. Financially they are in a fair condition.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville, March 11th, 1892: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge. By information I received from R. W. Bro. Hunter I knew that this lodge is very flourishing, and so I found it. The W.M., J. L. Brown, in the chair. Work in the third degree, which was well done. The Masons in Plattsville are more enthusiastic than in any place of its size in the district. The social side of Masonry shines out with real brotherly love. The work done by the different officers speaks well for the lodge. The secretary I found at his post, with his books neat and clean and well kept. The lodge-room is small but very comfortable and well furnished. Financially this lodge is strong and is well supported by the members, who have annually one of the finest festivals that would do credit to any lodge twice the size. This lodge is most flourishing, and it gave me great pleasure to visit them.

St. John's Lodge, Norwich, No. 104, March 16th, 1892: I made my official visit to this lodge on the above date, when a good attendance of brethren greeted me; W. Bro. McCurdy in the chair, exemplified the work in the first degree. The work was well done, it being the first time the W.M. has worked this degree and being well assisted by his officers who are all well up in their work. They have an able secretary who has the books in capital order and keeps the brethren up to the mark. I can say that financially they are in a good shape. The W.M. is very popular, which accounts for the good attendance. A most enjoyable evening was spent afterwards. Masonry certainly looks well here.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton, March 18th, 1892: I visited this lodge in company with six brethren from Paris. This is the youngest lodge in the district. W. Bro. Patton in the chair, a large turn out of brethren and also from other places greeted me right royally. The W. M. took the opportunity to see the third degree worked by some of the visiting brethren; W. Bro. Foley and W. Bro. P. Buckley, of St. John's Lodge, Paris, did the work, although W. Bro. Patton, who has been in the East for some years, and having had the work to do mostly himself, which has come rather hard on such an enthusiastic Mason, took the J. W.'s chair. The work from the chairs was excel-

lent, and is not to be surpassed; it must have been pleasing not only to the Princeton brethren, but to the visitors who were present. The lodge room is small but convenient, and is well furnished, the fittings being owned in part by other societies. This is only a temporary resting place for the brethren who are now fitting up a spacious hall in another part of the village. Their numbers are increasing rapidly. Their secretary, Bro. J. Smiley, makes an efficient officer and keeps the brethren up to the mark. I look for good results from this lodge, more so because R. W. Bro. Hunter, P. D. D. G. M., has them well in hand, being a member and regular attendant. I informed them that I disapproved of a Masonic lodge room being occupied in conjunction with any other order, but was informed by the secretary that permission had been given by the M. W. the Grand Master that it could be used temporarily.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on April 5th, 1892, and was welcomed enthusiastically. The attendance was large as on the occasion of my visit to the sister lodge, Oxford, No. 76, who occupy the same room. I am pleased to state that the greatest harmony prevails between these two lodges. W. Bro. Brown was in the chair. Initiation was the work and the W. M. certainly did the work in a creditable manner. The work in this lodge is good and the Wardens sustained their reputation as being well skilled. W. Bro. Frazer, an old stand-by of this lodge, was in his place as Secretary. Comment on his books would be needless on my part. It is well known that anything he undertakes is always done well. The turn out of Past Masters was very good, something I am always pleased to see. In Woodstock they all seem to take a deep interest in the work, and are bound one and all as brothers to support each other as well as carrying out the true spirit of Freemasonry. This lodge is in good financial standing and is always ready to come forward and support anything to help a brother Mason. In my opinion if Oxford Lodge does not advance too fast, this lodge will soon be as strong financially and numerically. After the lodge closed we spent a pleasant evening in the adjoining room, where I was royally entertained. My Masonic recollection of the Woodstock brethren was confirmed more strongly than on my former visit to this truly Masonic town.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: I made my official visit to this lodge on April 6th, 1892, with a number of the Paris brethren. A very large turn-out of members, W. Bro. Collins in the Chair. Initiation was the work of the evening. The W. M. did the work beautifully and in a manner that brought forth expressions of delight from the visiting brethren, amongst whom was R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M. of Toronto District, who expressed great satisfaction. This is the largest lodge membership of any lodge outside of the towns, and brethren seem to turn out better here than in any other place in the district. Too much cannot be said of this lodge for the brotherly example shown by all its members. It is really hearty. One is received by all in a true Masonic spirit, kindly and brotherly indeed, which makes one feel that Masons here live up to the principles which were instilled into them when they were made. Some of the other lodges would do well to imitate their brethren from Burford. The officers are all very popular with the brethren. V. W. Bro. Miles and W. Bro. Wilson and a number of the older Masons of the district were on hand. The Secretary's work deserves praise. Being an old Secretary myself, I have examined the books of the different lodges with great pleasure.

This lodge is bound to go ahead, for more enthusiasm could not well be shown. The lodge room is neat and comfortable and is the property of the lodge. Financially this lodge is strong, and the membership is on the increase. We had a very enjoyable time after the lodge closed. I have great pleasure in reporting most favourably on the condition of this lodge.

Oak Branch, Innerkip, No. 261 : I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on April 7th, 1892, with W. Bro. Clark of Oxford Lodge, Woodstock. Although this is not a strong lodge, there was a fair turn out. The W. M. in the Chair. There being no work on, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. A lot of detail work was done which the brethren seemed anxious to learn. As far as I could judge, the officers were all posted in their work. The lodge dues seem to be paid up, which speaks well for the Secretary who keeps the books in first-class shape. The prospects of this lodge are good. I had an enjoyable visit and found the brethren all enthusiastic. They have a good staff of officers.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna : I visited this lodge on April 8th, 1892. There was a good turn-out to greet me. Work in the third degree. The W. M. in the Chair. The work was well done. The W. M. was ably assisted by the officers. I think this lodge will compare favorably with some of the others in the district, although a small place and so close to Pt. Burwell ; they have a good membership and all seem to be enthusiastic. The Secretary, an old and faithful Craftsman, was at his post. The books were well kept. This lodge will go ahead. We had a pleasant gathering.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193 : Scotland, April 11th, 1892. In company with several of the Paris brethren I visited this lodge officially and was received by a large gathering of Masons. The W. M. in the Chair. The E. A. degree was exemplified and the work was expertly done. The other officers were well up. Bro. J. W. W. Glassford, M.D., gave the lecture on the Tracing Board in good form. The Secretary has the books of the lodge in excellent shape. Everything seems to be in a prosperous condition in this lodge. The W. M. is popular with the brethren which necessarily makes the members enthusiastic. Financially this lodge is in a fair condition. There was a large turn-out of visiting brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, April 15th, 1892 ; I made my official visit to this lodge on the above date, and was greeted by a large turn-out of brethren. The W. M., Wm. Partle, in the chair; work in the first degree. Two candidates were initiated. The work of this lodge is very good ; the W. M. and officers are all accurate in the three degrees. This lodge uses the same room as their sister lodge, King Hiram, No. 37. It is the handsomest lodge-room in the district, being beautifully decorated. Everything in it looks neat. The Secretary has the books in good order, and attends to the work of the lodge very well indeed. The Past Masters of this lodge are punctual in attendance, and the brethren work in harmony with the members of the other lodge. Everything seems prosperous with them. Financially, they are in a sound condition. I have pleasure in reporting very favourably on this lodge. Amongst its members is R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, P.D.D.G.M., the excellent Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence in Grand Lodge.

During my term of office I have had the pleasure of visiting Oxford and King Solomon Lodges, Woodstock and also the Lodge at Scotland. Also, on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross

Robertson, who delivered his famous lecture on "The History of Craft Masonry." The beneficial work that has been done during the last two years by this distinguished brother will long be felt by the Craft all through the jurisdiction. When years have rolled by, the good that has been done by his visits will still remain. I had the pleasure of visiting Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, on the occasion of the visit of V. W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, M.D., G.S.D., who gave his lecture on "Woman and Masonry." It was a great treat to myself, and was appreciated by every one present; at the finish he received well-deserved thanks. He is certainly an enthusiastic Mason. On the same evening a presentation of a set of Grand Lodge regalia to P.D.D.G.M. D. H. Hunter was made, and was a pleasing spectacle. The district was fairly represented, and there was a large assemblage of the Woodstock brethren. R.W. Bro. Hunter is held in high esteem by the brethren of Wilson District. I have great pleasure in stating that all the W. Ms. in this district are able to work the degrees, as far as I have been able to judge. The attendance at lodge meetings has been good. The majority of the lodges are in good financial standing. The by-laws of many of the lodges are being revised. This was essential indeed, as some of them were not in accordance with the constitution. The work done by R.W. Bro. Hunter was strongly visible all through the district, and I, therefore, found my work easy in some respects. My official visits were enjoyable, and my thanks to the brethren of Wilson District can be but feebly expressed by me when I say that I highly appreciate the cordial greetings extended to me on every occasion. The kindness and genuine brotherly spirit exhibited by them will long be cherished. The kind courtesies and hospitalities which I have received are characteristic of the Masons of Wilson District, which has amongst its membership some of the most distinguished Masons of the Craft. I thank the different lodges for contributing so handsomely towards my travelling expenses and personal comfort. I made it a point not to call an emergency on the occasion of my visit. I visited each lodge on their regular meeting night. I have, therefore, much pleasure, M.W. Sir and Brethren, in reporting that the condition of Masonry in Wilson District, No. 6, is in a most flourishing state, due in a great measure to the excellent officers in the several lodges, and the support received by them from the members composing the same.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

PETER H. COX, D.D.G.M.

Sixth Masonic District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the Condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District.

Owing to illness in the first half of my year of office, the greater number of my visits have been made quite recently. I have visited 20 of the 21 lodges which compose this district, and I am pleased to be able to report that many are in a very prosperous condition. A few of the lodges have not made much progress, but the greater number have added to their membership, making the aggregate increase in the district quite considerable. I shall be very brief, and depend upon the accompanying tabulated statement to show the standing of the

several lodges. I regret that some of the lodges are slow in making returns of information to the D.D.G.M., from which that statement is prepared. It gives me pleasure to be able to report that in all lodges visited harmony prevails, and that the W.M's. are well skilled and the work well presented. The lodge rooms of the district, with one or two exceptions, are large, comfortable, well-furnished, and supplied with all the appliances necessary to the work. The average attendance is far below what it should be, being a little over thirty per cent. of the membership.

Non-payment of dues is the formidable difficulty, and one that swells the loss of members more than all other causes combined. In my visits I have urged the necessity of prompt action in the collection of dues. The Masters and secretaries of nearly all the lodges are making earnest efforts to abate this crying evil, and, I am pleased to hear, are meeting with very encouraging success.

My official visits in the district were made in the following order :—

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus : My first official visit in the district was made to this lodge Nov. 13th, 1891. The attendance was good. Two candidates were raised to the third degree. The work was excellently given by W. Bro. J. J. Craig. Books are well kept. The lodge room has been refitted and improved, and now presents a fine appearance. Financial position good, and prospects fair.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora : Visited at its regular meeting, Nov. 20th, 1891. The attendance of members and visitors was large. R.W. Bro. Dr. Savage, R.W. Bro. John Macdonald and R.W. Bro. T. P. Smith are members of this lodge, and were present. The W. M. and his officers are well posted in the work. Arrearage of dues is large, but the present W.M., Bro. J. Clark, informs me that vigorous means will be applied to reduce them. Books are well kept, and prospects fair.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville : Regular meeting, February 9th. The attendance was very large. There were eight applications. This lodge is one of the most prosperous in the district. Twenty meetings were held and twenty-one E. A. degrees conferred. The membership shows a net gain of 19 in the year. The books are models of neatness and order. R.W. Bro. Fox, R.W. Bro. J. McLaren, P. M. Brown and others take a great interest in the lodge. W. Master Robt. Irvine and his officers are well skilled and efficient workers.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley : Feb. 10th visited this lodge, accompanied by R.W. Bro. McLaren, R.W. Bro. Fox, W. Bro. Brown, W. Bro. Irwin, and others of Harris Lodge. This young lodge shows plenty of life, and under the care of W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, W. Bro. Scott, and the present W. M., Bro. Cooper, is sure to prosper. Two candidates were initiated. The W. M. and officers are efficient in the work. Lodge is small, but comfortable. Books are right, and prospects good.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston : I visited this lodge April 11th ; attendance was fair ; one degree was conferred, and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers gave the work in a very efficient manner. Arrearages of dues have been large, but efforts are being made to have them collected. The lodge is sound financially, and prospects are good.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham : My visit to Durham Lodge was made April 12th ; the attendance was good. No work presented, but from the way in which the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, I feel sure the officers are prepared to do work well when pre-

sented. The membership, which has been stationary for some years, shows an increase. The Past Masters take a deep interest in the lodge. Books are well kept.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: On my visit to Waverley Lodge I was met by a large attendance of visitors and members from Speed and Guelph Lodges. The hall in which the city lodges meet is large and well-furnished—a credit to the Craft in Guelph. A candidate was passed to the second degree. The W. Master, Bro. A. Little, is careful and correct, and was well assisted in the work. The records show \$81.88 expended in relief. Arrearage of dues is too large. Financial state of lodge good.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited Alma Lodge, April 26th. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and one of the oldest in the province of Ontario, older, I am told, than its number would indicate. I am pleased to report that in its old age it shows no signs of feebleness, but is vigorous, showing an increase of six members in the year. Like several other good lodges, it has too large an amount of uncollected dues. The attendance was good. A candidate was given the third degree in a very careful and correct manner. The lodge room is large and comfortable. W.M. and officers are efficient in the work.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Speed Lodge is another of the old reliable lodges of the district. Its membership is over one hundred. On my visit, May 3rd, the attendance was large, and I had the pleasure of again meeting a number of the brethren of Waverley and Guelph Lodges. The W. Master, Bro. Tovell, is well skilled, and the assistant officers are very correct in their work. R.W. Bro. J. Scoon, R.W. Bro. Maloney, and a number of Past Masters were present. Amount of relief granted in the year, \$116.75. Arrears of dues are pretty large in proportion to the number of members in arrear.

St. Alban's, No. 200, Mt. Forest: My visit was made May 6th. The attendance was fair. A candidate was passed to the second degree. W. Bro. Kilgour, the W.M., gave the work very correctly and was fairly assisted. The books are well kept. Dues are collected, and the lodge shows an increase in members of four for the year. The W. Master informs me that they are endeavoring to secure a more suitable lodge room. The prospects of this lodge look better than they were. Meetings are held regularly.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: I visited this lodge at its regular meeting, May 11th. There was a good attendance of members. The W.M., Bro. Weaver, conferred the third degree very correctly, and was ably assisted by his officers. The membership is 42, an increase of two in the year. Arrears of dues require looking after, and I believe will receive attention. R.W. Bro. Jardine takes a deep interest in the lodge. Books are well kept and prospects favorable.

Prince Arthur, No. 334, Arthur: Official visit, May 10th. The lodge room is comfortable and well furnished. Attendance was good considering the number of members. The financial condition is very much improved and the prospects are much brighter. The membership has increased six in the year. Dues are well paid and the members are gaining confidence. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Robertson, initiated a candidate, and opened and closed in the three degrees. The work was well given by the W.M. and his officers.

Blair, No. 341, Palmerston: This lodge has a fine, comfortable lodge room, with good furniture and other requisites. On my visit, May 13th, I was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. Hyndman, who takes a deep interest in the lodge and its work. The attendance of members was good. As

there was no candidate, the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees and portions of the work exemplified. The W.M. and officers are well posted. Books are well kept; amount of relief paid, \$103.90. This appears to be a sound lodge.

Clifford, No. 315, Clifford: This lodge meets in a very good lodge room, comfortably fitted up. The membership is 26, an increase of one in the year. Meetings are held regularly, and although the progress made is not great it appears safe. I visited this lodge on May 16th. A candidate was passed to the second degree. The W. Master and officers do the work very well. Dues are paid promptly.

Conestogo, No. 295, Drayton: My visit was made to this lodge May 17th, at its regular meeting. The lodge room is a very good one and well furnished. Membership is now 32, an increase of five over last year's report. The attendance was good for a small lodge. This lodge appears to be doing fairly well now. Books are well kept. Lodge's dues pretty well paid up and prospects fair. There was no candidate, and the work was exemplified in the first and third degrees. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Adams, can give the work correctly.

Wellington, No. 271, Erin: My official visit was made to this lodge June 8th. Election of officers brought out a much larger attendance of members than usual. The W.M., Bro. Dugald Campbell, conferred a first and third degree on candidates. The work was given in a careful and correct manner. Wellington Lodge is suffering from the same trouble as so many others, non-payment of dues. Suspensions almost counter-balance the initiations. The financial position is good, and prospects fair.

Guelph, No. 258, Guelph: I visited this lodge at an emergency meeting, called to receive the visit of the D.D.G.M. The attendance of members and visitors was very large. R. W. Bro. Walker, R. W. Bro. Maloney, W. Bro. A. Little, Master of Waverley Lodge, and a number of P.M.'s were present. The W.M., Bro. F. W. Randall, exemplified the first and third degrees in a very correct manner, and was ably assisted by the officers. The lodge appears to be in a good state, with good prospects. Books are well kept.

Galt, No. 257, Galt: I visited Galt Lodge at an emergency meeting, called at my request, June 1st. The attendance was quite large for an emergency. The W.M. and several of the Past Masters of Alma Lodge were present. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and portions of the work exemplified. The W.M., Bro. A. Taylor, is proficient in the work, as also are the several officers. Books are well kept, but the amount of arrears is larger than it should be. The membership shows an increase of four. Prospects good.

Preston, No. 297, Preston: Visited June 10th. Installation of officers. Attendance fair. R. W. Bro. Forsyth, of Berlin, R. W. Bro. Jardine, and W. Bro. Weaver, of Hespeler, were visitors. Installation ceremony was very efficiently given by R. W. Bro. Jardine. The lodge room is easy of access and very comfortable. R. W. Bro. Hepburn and the W.M. are earnest in their efforts, but the lodge makes almost no headway. I fear Preston is not adapted to the growth of Masonry. However, the brethren are holding out bravely, and success may follow.

Grand River, No. 151, Berlin: Visited June 7th at the regular meeting. Attendance good. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Forsyth, who is an active worker in this lodge. This is another old and reliable lodge. The hall is large and comfortably fitted up. Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and portions of the work exemplified in a very correct manner by W. Master Mellen. The Secretary's books

are well kept. Dues are carefully looked after, and the prospects of continued stability good.

Before closing this report, I have pleasure in placing on record my high appreciation of the good effects of the visits of the M. W. the Grand Master. New life has been infused into many of the lodges of the district.

In conclusion, I tender my sincere thanks to the brethren for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received in every lodge in which I visited.

Fraternally submitted,

Erin, July 1st, 1892.

WM. CONBOY,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I have the honor to submit the annual report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District.

While in Great Britain, during the session of Grand Lodge at Toronto last year, I had the pleasure of being informed that my brethren had unanimously chosen me to the position of District Deputy Grand Master during my absence. Words cannot convey the pleasure it gave me to receive a message from our dear departed brother R.W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, informing me of the fact. I take this opportunity of thanking my brethren for the kindly recognition they bestowed upon me, and for the courteous and hospitable manner they have received me on every occasion during the year.

Every lodge in my district has been visited, and many of them on several different occasions, and I am glad to report that Masonry in the district is alive and progressing. Some lodges have done very little work, it is true, but that, in my opinion, is their own look-out, so long as they are sound from a financial standpoint. My experience has led me to form the opinion that lodges have their good and dull times like other institutions, and the personality of the Masters is strongly exemplified in the work accomplished by this district. A rather remarkable fact is, that the five largest lodges in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge are in Hamilton, and from the rapid progress which the sixth of our sister lodges is making, it looks as if it may soon be said "the six largest lodges are the six Hamilton lodges."

Much of the success of a D.D.G.M. depends upon the assistance and good wishes of the brethren, and I owe a deep debt of gratitude to many of them. R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, who kindly consented to act as District Secretary, has done much to lighten the labors and assist me in the work by his knowledge of the district, the deep regard in which he is held by all who know him and his unfailing interest in the work. I shall, however, name but a few of those who were ever ready by advice, by attendance, by addresses and the kindly and encouraging word to assist in advancing the cause of Masonry in our district, amongst whom are M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, R.W. Bros. J. J. Mason, Geo. Russell, D. McPhie, W. G. Reid and John Malloy, and from among a host of Masters, past and present, Bros. Kittson, Ferres, Kent, Dougals, Geo. E. Mason, Fred. Howell, A. Rutherford, A. T. Freed, Macallum Moodie, Alex. Smith, S. M. Kenny, R. E. Gallagher.

Among so many it is impossible to name all, and my brethren whose names are not mentioned will remember that. But the fact remains that it is owing to the fraternal and brotherly spirit that exists amongst the officers and members of the Hamilton lodges that Masonry occupies the proud and enviable position she does in the ambitious city.

PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

During the year the Past Masters' Association has been organized, and about forty or fifty of the veterans have already joined. It is intended to embrace all the P.M.'s of the District, and a short and liberal constitution has been adopted and printed. I would urge upon the Past Masters a response to Secretary Kittson's circular, asking them to become members, so as to at least participate in the annual reunion.

DEATHS.

During the past year the brethren of the Hamilton District have been more than usually afflicted by the removal from amongst us of those who have been bright lights in Masonry and pillars of strength to the Craft in Hamilton. Especially among these, two names stand forth never to be forgotten by those who had the privilege of knowing them, and they are missed and mourned for by the brethren in various Masonic bodies. I shall not refer, as I might, to the kind and loving ways of the one and the upright, honorable career of the other, as Grand Lodge will, no doubt, take further steps to place the names of Edward Mitchell and David McLellan high in the scroll of fame in that Craft which they loved so much and served so well.

And while mentioning a topic that brings painful recollections to each and all of us, may I urge upon my brethren the necessity of a more general attendance at Masonic funerals, not but those who are well known and rulers in the Craft are accompanied to their last resting-places by large numbers of the brethren, but may I put in a word for the humble and quiet brother, who, perhaps, is not well known, and ask that the members at least of his own lodge, should consider it a serious duty to be present.

INSTALLATIONS.

The beautiful ceremony of installation ought to be made one of the "gala nights" in the year, not only on account of the interest naturally arising because of new officers assuming their duties, but it should be the means of bringing the Past Masters out to participate. I was much pleased to see and meet so many of the older brethren taking a share of the work in the six lodges in which I had the honor of installing during the year, and I would draw the attention of the Worshipful Masters to this as a special occasion for an "old members' night" which has proved so popular and entertaining where tried.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

The question has been asked me on a number of different occasions, what is your opinion of "spreads" after lodge meeting? I shall not have a better opportunity than this to give it, and will say that I am entirely favorable to them. Take a lodge in the country, where members come from three to five miles, they really need refreshment, and while the spread may be as humble and temperate as it is possible to have it, there is a kindly, neighborly chat among the brethren that soon becomes a great attraction to them all, and officers will find an increased attendance and interest developed. It is not necessary, of course, to say that extravagance would be injudicious, as I have never yet, in the years I have been amongst the brethren of this district,

seen intemperance, and each lodge has and should preserve the right to say what they shall or shall not have at their refreshment tables.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

In accordance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, a District Lodge of Instruction was arranged for at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on Monday, June 27th. About fifteen lodges were represented and nearly 250 brethren were present to participate. The programme was as follows: 2.30 p.m., 1st degree, W. Bro. Martin and officers of Temple Lodge, No. 324. 4.30 p.m., 2nd degree, W. Bro. Moodie and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 40. 7.30 p.m., 3rd degree, W. Bro. Kent and officers of Acacia Lodge, No. 61. I have to thank these brethren for the beautiful and correct exemplification of the work which they presented. I am also grateful to the city lodges for the earnest support they accorded me, and the liberality with which they provided a splendid banquet for the visitors. My especial thanks are due to M. W. Bro. Murray and R. W. Bro. D. McPhie for presiding, as I was unable, from a sore throat and loss of voice to do so.

On Monday, Sept. 14th, 1891, I was duly installed in the Barton Lodge, No. 6, by R. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, assisted by R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason, Gavin Stewart and others.

VISITS.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: Sept. 21st, 1891, at the request of W. Bro. Douglas, I was present to assist in doing honor to R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, who had been unanimously chosen as an honorary member of the lodge, with full privileges. The Grand Secretary received here a token of the loving esteem in which he is held by his brethren in Hamilton.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: Sept. 22nd, 1891, I had the pleasure of accompanying W. Bro. H. N. Kittson and members of Temple Lodge on a fraternal visit to Ionic Lodge, Toronto.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: Oct. 14th, 1891, the first official visit of inspection was made to this flourishing lodge, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Hamilton, amongst whom were R. W. Bros. John Malloy, R. L. Gunn, V. W. Bro. McCallum and others. The lodge room, which is a very nice one, was crowded, and portions of the three degrees were exemplified by W. Bro. Powell and his officers in a careful and correct manner, followed by addresses on the "Nomenclature," "Symbolism" and "Anecdotes" of Masonry, by Bro. A. T. Freed, W. Bros. Kittson and Ferres. The lodge is in good shape in every respect, and W. Bro. Senn, the Secretary, was congratulated upon the care and intelligence displayed in the performance of his duties. A pleasant banquet closed a most harmonious meeting.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: Nov. 9th, 1891. With over fifty brethren the visit to Dundas was made, and a most hospitable reception given to all. W. Bro. Dixon worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. He is a painstaking and earnest officer who enters fully into the work, and is supported by a staff of officers who have ability to reflect credit upon the lodge. I was pleased to see the interest manifested by the Past Masters. The lodge is doing well and is financially sound, with a finely appointed lodge room. Addresses were delivered by R. W. Bros. Richard Bull, J. J. Mason and Bro. A. T. Freed.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro': Nov. 12th, 1891. Thanksgiving Day. A crowded lodge room greeted me in Dufferin, and I was pleased to see brethren from Dundas and Ancaster, as well as those who were with me from Hamilton. W. Bro. Clark exemplified the second

degree in a most satisfactory manner, each officer doing his work intelligently. The opening and closing in all the degrees, besides work from each officer called for, proved how well they were up in their parts, and convinced me that W. Bro. Clark well deserved the honor of three terms as Master. Interesting addresses were given by W. Bros. Howell, Kittson and Ferres on Masonic topics. The utmost harmony prevails in the lodge, which has a very neat room to meet in and is doing well in every particular. A bountiful repast followed the meeting and pleasant reference was made to the visit of the Grand Master which took place some time before.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, Nov. 16th, 1891: By invitation I was present at Doric Lodge, No. 382, to witness the first degree conferred on three candidates by W. Bros Douglas, Cheyne, and Dr. Emory. The work was beyond criticism. W. Bro. Middleton, of Ancaster, and W. Bro. Dixon, of Dundas, were present with their officers, and a pleasant, sociable evening was spent.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, Nov. 17th, 1891: "Old members' meeting." By invitation of W. Bro. Howell I had the pleasure of participating in this most pleasant and appropriate meeting. The chairs were all filled by Past Masters, with R. W. Bro. Richard Bull in the East, and most ably was the second degree conferred upon three Entered Apprentices. It was a goodly sight to see the veterans work, and to feel the kindly spirit which pervades the lodge. This is one very successful way to retain the interest of those who are a great power for good in a lodge, and to keep them in touch with their younger brethren. All the city lodges were represented and by their congratulations helped to draw closer the bonds of fellowship existing between the sister lodges.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, Nov. 19th, 1891: At the request of W. Bro. Rutherford I presided at the election of officers, which resulted in promotion unanimously. W. Bro. Moodie had been treasurer of the lodge for fifteen years, and then assumed active work as secretary, passing through the chairs and received the cordial vote of his brethren for Master. The large membership, invested funds, and harmonious feeling existing in the lodge makes it a tower of strength for Masonry.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, Dec. 8th, 1891: The official visit to this lodge was made at their annual meeting for the election of officers, which resulted in promotion almost unanimously. The lodge has been singularly successful under W. Bro. H. N. Kittson, who is one of the most energetic Masters, which, combined with his earnestness and intelligence, has done much to help him make the unprecedented record of 73 new members added to the lodge in two years. The Ionic Lodge, of Toronto, worked the third degree finely. In every way is this lodge in a flourishing condition and with bright prospects, judging from the officers who are to follow, who are both capable and enthusiastic.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington, Dec. 9th, 1891: My visit to this lodge was made at the annual meeting for the election of officers. W. Bro. Ferguson exemplified the third degree very well indeed, and all the officers are up in their work. While not doing much work during the last year, the lodge is in a sound financial condition, and under W. Bro. Cline, the prospects are bright. The room is nicely fitted up and comfortable, and a pleasant feeling exists among the members. At the refreshment table addresses were given by R. W. Bro. Russell, and W. Bros. Emory and Ferres, on Masonic matters.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, Dec. 11th, 1891: The meeting of this lodge was one of peculiar interest, and was one of the largest and best in the district during the year, about three hundred being present. The first degree was exemplified in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Alex. Smith, and the officers. M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray then invested V. W. Bros. J. D. Clarke, of London (a Past Master of this lodge), and Alex. Smith with the regalia of their office, they having been appointed officers of Grand Lodge. The election of officers resulted in promotion, and W. Bro. S. H. Kent has the ability to keep up the record acquired by the lodge for work and progress. The banquet which followed was a brilliant affair, and enjoyed by all those who were present. Harmony and good will abound in the lodge, which is most successful in every particular.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, Dec. 15th, 1891: The official visit to the lodge was also made at the annual meeting for the election of officers, which passed off in a most pleasant and harmonious manner. The lodge has done good work during the year, is in a first-rate financial condition, and W. Bro. Howell and his officers are to be congratulated upon the success and prosperity attending this old and favorite lodge. The banquet which followed was a pleasant one for Past Masters and brethren, who "fought their battles o'er again," and under the new officers "Strict" may be fully expected to sustain her past reputation.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: This concluded the official visits for 1891, and was one of the largest gatherings of Craftsmen during the year. I had the pleasure of presiding at the installation of officers, with a grand array of Past Masters assisting in the work. This lodge is wealthy, having the largest membership on the roll of Grand Lodge, and its affairs have been conducted with marked ability. W. Bro. A. Rutherford must be congratulated upon the prosperity which has attended the lodge, and he has a most worthy and able successor in W. Bro. Moodie. The greatest good will and harmony prevails, and with the elegant banquet which followed, nothing but pleasant memories remain of my visit to this splendid lodge.

FIFTY YEARS A MASON.

Dec 22nd, 1891.—This was R. W. Bro. Richard Bull's jubilee, and one of the pleasantest and most interesting meetings held in the district. The D.G.M., R. W. Bro. J. M. Gitson, presided, and about three hundred brethren crowded the lodge room. A presentation, consisting of an address, a large portrait of the veteran brother, and a purse of gold, was made from the Hamilton lodges, and an address from Antiquity Lodge, Montreal. It was the joint and spontaneous expression of regard from the Craft in Hamilton to a revered and honored brother.

Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1891.—The Craft, to the number of 400, attended divine service at the Centenary church, where a most eloquent and able sermon on Masonry (in fact, it was a complete defence of our noble Order) was preached by Rev. Bro. Dr. Burns.

Monday, Dec. 28th, 1891.—I presided at the installation of the officers of Strict Observance, No. 27; Acacia, No. 61, and Temple, No. 324, being assisted by M. W. Bro. Murray, R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson D.G.M., late R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, and others to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for the assistance given, and the impressive manner in which they each rendered their part of this beautiful ceremony. This was the last work done, I believe, by R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek : On my official visit to this lodge, I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. Murray, to whom this lodge is particularly indebted. A large number from Hamilton, and W. Bro. Sykes, and ten members of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, were present. W. Bro. Dr. Carr exemplified the work of the first degree very well indeed, and also opened and closed in all the degrees. This happy and prosperous lodge is well off, and has an elegant lodge-room, with the utmost harmony and good-will prevailing. The prospects are bright for a continuation of its successful career.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster : The M. W. the Grand Master, when visiting here, told the brethren that Craftsmen in early days from this neighborhood did much to sustain and forward Masonry in this peninsula, and Seymour Lodge to-day is doing good work in every particular. The first degree was ably worked by W. Bro. Middleton and his officers, who fully deserved the praise accorded them. The lodge is flourishing, and great credit is due the W. M. and members for the interest which has been aroused. At the refreshment table, the pleasant fact was revealed that ten sister lodges were represented at the meeting.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, Jan. 19th, 1892 : No lodge could receive the official visit in a more hearty and Masonic manner than this flourishing and progressive one in the city of Brantford did. For many years part of the Wilson District, they have now become attached and honored members of the Hamilton District. I was accompanied by R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason, R. L. Gunn, W. Bro. Howell, and others. The first degree was correctly and impressively worked, and W. Bro. Slater and his officers deserve every credit, as it was their first night in their new positions. It afforded me much pleasure to invest W. Bro. C. V. Howell with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and a happy reminder of his success as Master. The lodge is in a good position in every particular.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, Feb. 11th, 1892 : Accompanied by W. Bro. Kittson, and others, the official visit was made to this lodge at an early hour in the evening, as the brethren had arranged for the annual Masonic ball. W. Bro. McCollum opened and closed in the three degrees correctly, and parts of each degree were illustrated to my satisfaction. The lodge room is a fine one. Financially the lodge is sound. Although not much work has been done, I look for a bright future, with the energetic and intelligent staff of officers who preside over its affairs. The ball which followed the meeting was held in the town hall and was very successful.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, Feb. 12th, 1892 : Bro. Col. D. Campbell went with me from Milton to Georgetown, where we had a fine meeting, a number of the brethren of No. 229, Brampton, being present. W. Bro. Dr. Roe worked the first degree upon a candidate in a most impressive manner, and was ably assisted by all of his officers. Credit Lodge is in good shape, having a good Master, a fine room to meet in, and prospects that are bright, while harmony prevails. The financial condition is sound, and the lodge is to be congratulated upon its old and faithful Secretary, W. Bro. Wheeler. A pleasant refreshment, with Masonic addresses, closed the visit very happily.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, March 7th, 1892 : This is the most difficult lodge to reach in the district, but we feel very much attached to Walker Lodge, and always receive a warm welcome when visiting it. On the occasion of the official visit, R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, District Secretary, and Bro. Col. Campbell were with me, while I was pleased to see

so many visitors from Georgetown and Guelph. W. Bro. Lawson worked a first degree very well indeed, and his officers gave him good support. The lodge room is neat, but the entrance is rather uninviting. The affairs of the lodge are in good condition, and a pleasant brotherly feeling prevails. At the banquet which followed, able addresses were given by W. Bros. Roe, Harrison, Gunn, Col. Campbell and others.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville, March 8th, 1892: If a crowded lodge room (which by the way is a very handsome one) on the occasion of the official visit is any indication of success and prosperity, then Oakville gave us the impression the minute the ante-room was entered, and I had no reason to change my mind. The W.M. and officers opened and closed in the three degrees, working portions of each as called for in a most creditable and correct manner. The Secretary is efficient, and the financial as well as the numerical strength of the lodge good, and much of the success is due to faithful Past Masters, amongst whom I may single out V. W. Bro. Ferrah. The banquet which followed was a splendid one, and the whole meeting reflected great credit on the lodge.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, April 6th, 1892: R. W. Bros. Russell, Gunn and W. Bro. Ferres went with me to visit Caledonia, where a very good meeting was held and the work of the third degree was ably given by W. Bro. Thompson and his officers. This lodge is not a strong one numerically, but it has a faithful band of brothers who work well and maintain the lodge in good standing in every respect. The Past Masters, I was glad to see, keep up their interest, and W. Bros. Olds, Aldridge and others were present, participating in the work. Feeling reference was made to the late R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, as it was in St. Andrew's he first saw the light, and while he lived, took a deep interest in the lodge.

St. George, No. 243, St. George, April 7th, 1892: The beautiful lodge room of St. George was comfortably filled on the occasion of my visit. W. Bro. Lawrason and his officers work all the degrees and opened and closed in the three correctly. The lodge has not been doing much work, but it is in good shape, financially and numerically. R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter, B.A., P.D.D.G.M. of the Wilson District, was present, and some able addresses were given at the banquet which followed. The prospects are good, and no doubt the excellent reputation acquired by the lodge will be sustained.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Mason and others, I made the visit to this lodge when about 60 of the brethren were present. W. Bro. Crouse and his officers exemplified the second degree in a most creditable manner, besides correctly opening and closing in the three degrees. The lodge is in a successful position, doing good work in every particular, and financially well off. W. Bro. Birchard is a painstaking and efficient Secretary. I was glad to hear that in the near future both the Brantford Lodges will move into a new and handsome lodge room, when even greater success may, it is hoped, repay their energy and progressiveness. A most pleasant banquet followed the meeting, which fully sustained the reputation for hospitality acquired by our Brantford brethren.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Waterdown, May 10th, 1892: In company with a number of brethren we drove to Waterdown and were cordially received by W. Bro. Flatt and the members. The lodge room is comfortably furnished and easy of access. While not adding to their numbers, the lodge is able to meet its liabilities, and has within its

membership the material for a strong, successful organization. A number of the brethren are earnest Masons, and the work is very well rendered. The third degree was correctly conferred upon a candidate, and encouraging addresses given at the refreshments which followed.

The Grand Master's visit on June 8th, 1892: About 250 brethren filled our Masonic Hall to listen to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, deliver an historical lecture on Freemasonry. The cordial reception he received and the rapt attention with which the brethren listened, followed by a hearty vote of thanks, must have shown him that Hamilton is a loyal Masonic city, and delighted to welcome him.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, April 13th, 1892: The "Old Barton Lodge" is known throughout this jurisdiction from its history and from its numbers and influence, and it was with peculiar feelings that I was received in my mother lodge as D. D. G. M. after having presided for two years as the W. M. of it. Nothing that I can say would add to its record, except that it goes on its peaceful way, steadily and as surely as ever. The kindest feeling prevails amongst its membership. W. Bro. Robt. Hobson and the officers worked the first degree in an impressive manner. W. Bro. Taylor and brethren from Galt Lodge, Galt, visited and were received with honors. The election of officers resulted in promotion almost unanimously, and with such talent and ability as the officers possess, the prospects for the year are bright. The lodge is wealthy and has 300 members on its roll. V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Mason, the faithful and efficient Secretary, was unanimously re-elected, which of itself speaks volumes for the brother. Personally I would add that the kind and courteous reception accorded me in my own lodge was very gratifying, while the magnificent banquet which followed was a fitting wind up to another year's work in "The Barton."

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, June 20th, 1892: The youngest city lodge, and by custom and circumstances, the last in my district to officially visit. The meeting was a grand one in every sense of the word, and W. Bro. Robt. Douglas has a right to be proud of his record as the Master of the lodge. Twenty-one initiations, with finances in a most satisfactory condition, and the best of good feeling prevailing in the lodge, is indeed a happy way to leave the lodge at the end of a year. Promotion was accorded all the officers at the election, and at the banquet which followed, happy speeches of congratulation from M. W. Bro. Murray, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, and Masters of sister lodges, testified to the good feeling and kindly interest which exists among city lodges. May it ever so continue, and may the six lodges of Hamilton be but one in love and regard for each other, and the spirit of emulation never exceed that of "Duty best performed."

INSTALLATION.

On June 24th, 1892, the Barton, No. 6, and Doric, No. 382, had a joint meeting for installation of officers, at which they requested me to preside. Being unable from loss of voice to do so, R. W. Bro. Geo. Russell kindly acted for me, being assisted by the Past Masters of the two lodges. The interesting ceremony was conducted in a most impressive manner, and we are sure it must have been a pleasing sight to the members to see so many Past Masters participating.

And so, M. W. Sir and Brethren, in as short and concise a manner as possible, you have the results and observations of a year's faithful work, among the twenty-two lodges of the Hamilton District. Not a single case to adjudicate upon of an unpleasant nature has come before

me, and when you consider that 2200 Masons (the number in the district) can live thus for a twelvemonth, it speaks well for the Craft.

A few suggestions and I am done. I think that a D.D.G. Master would find a great benefit from associating with him, as I have done, eloquent and learned brethren to give short addresses on given topics of Masonic interest at his meetings. Past Masters' Associations for districts, if worked and pushed from an intellectual as well as a social stand-point, will add greatly to the strength of the Craft. Fraternal visits of lodges from villages and towns to work in city lodges has done a good deal to develop some Masters and help their lodges. The invitation coming from the D.D.G.M. and Master of a lodge centrally located, arouses great interest in lodges that have not so much work as large lodges in cities or towns, and incites enthusiasm in preparing for the visit.

In conclusion, I would add that the lodge rooms throughout the district, are most of them elegant, but all are neat and well furnished. I am glad to report that every Master in the district can do his work well, and from personal knowledge the Craft will gain from the connection of such enthusiastic, intelligent men, who in nearly every instance are successfully forwarding the best interest of their lodge, and are unselfish in their desire to serve the brethren. It has been a pleasure to know them and associate with them, and I hope the friendships formed during my year as D.D.G.M. of the Hamilton District will be life-long.

Respectfully submitted,

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D.D.G.M., 8th Masonic District.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Ninth Masonic District for the past year.

I have visited each of the twenty-four lodges in the district except True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Albion. In every case I have been received in the most hearty and welcome manner. I feel it my duty to report that Masonry in this district, except in the case of two or three lodges, is in a most satisfactory condition. All my official visits have been made at regular meetings, except one, and the W.M. of each lodge was duly notified. On assuming the duties of my office I appointed W. Bro. H. Currie, of Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, as my District Secretary. His valuable assistance, untiring zeal and prompt attention to all Masonic business entrusted to him, have lightened my labor in no small degree, and I now desire to return him my warmest thanks. I have carefully drawn the attention of the various lodges to the changes introduced in the rules governing grants from the benevolent fund, and to the absolute necessity of literally complying with all the forms laid down. I have also pointed out that these grants must be considered supplementary only, and that unless the lodge, either through the general funds or individual contributions, render substantial assistance, none should be expected from Grand Lodge funds. The following is a brief account of my official visits:

My first official visit was to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst; this was on the evening of December 14th, 1891. This was the

night of installation of officers, consequently there was no work done. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. This lodge has not been prospering for the past year, but I am glad to hope that under the reign of the newly installed officers it will improve.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this lodge on the evening of December the 15th; W. Bro. James C. Nelson in the chair. Members present, fourteen. After the election of officers, which was conducted with much unanimity, the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and closed again. W. Bro. Nelson exemplified the work in the second degree in a very creditable manner. The other officers were not at all up in their work. The Secretary is a worthy P.M. who has looked after the books and accounts for years. An examination of them revealed this. The finances of the lodge are in good shape. Number of members on roll, —.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: Although I notified the W.M. two weeks previous to my official visit and received his reply, saying that they would be glad to have me there, I found on my arrival that the W.M., S.W. and Secretary had made it convenient to be absent from the town on that evening, but found that the W. M. had arranged for W. Bro. Huber, P.M., of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, to do his work, and I understand that Past Masters have had to work all the degrees for them since the lodge has been instituted. I feel that it has not been in the interest of Masonry for a lodge to be established in this place, as they seem to be getting in lots of material, some of which, I think, is questionable and injurious to the Craft. I think that the outlook shows that this will eventually be an inactive lodge. Their room is fairly suitable. I could not see the books of the lodge on account of the absence of the officers.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: Visited this lodge on March 23rd; found only twelve members to meet me. This lodge cannot be called a progressive one. There are thirty-one members on its register, and the average attendance is only nine. The W.M. could not exemplify any of the degrees at the time of my visit, and the opening and closing in the degrees by himself and wardens was far from passable. His Deacons knew nothing of their work. They are behind in the Grand Lodge dues, but the members present promised me that they would reduce their indebtedness to Grand Lodge before the annual meeting, as they were very anxious to retain their warrant, and seemed to think that better prospects were in store for them. The Secretary's books are in excellent condition, well kept and a credit to the lodge. The hall is leased, is suitable and in good condition. The furniture is insured. There are fourteen members who are twelve months in arrears for dues. I do not see much chance for revival unless the officers take time and trouble to get up the work.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: Visited this lodge on March 8th, and found a good lodge. They meet in a fine hall which they rent; it is well furnished. Saw the lodge open in the first, second and third degrees, and the second degree conferred on a candidate by the W.M. The work was done in a skilful manner, the W. M., Wardens and officers being all well skilled in the work. The books of the lodge are carefully kept, and the lodge is in good financial circumstances. The number of members on the roll is 44.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: Visited this lodge March 9th; members present, 14. This lodge has not been in a prosperous state for some time, for which a number of reasons were assigned, among which, removal of members, hard times, financial difficulties owing to the fire

last year which nearly swept their town out of existence, and some slight dissension among the brethren. The W. M. was not present. P. M. Wright took the chair, and P. M. Scott, of Cedar Lodge, No. 390, Oshawa, conferred the second degree on a candidate who was in waiting in a very correct manner. The S. W. gave the lecture in a very creditable manner. The J. W. was not present, and the Deacons were but poorly posted.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown : Visited this lodge March 15th. This lodge has 26 members on its register ; the average attendance is 9. The W. M. opens and closes in all the degrees. As there was no candidate for advancement, he exemplified the M. M. degree fairly well. His S. W. and Deacons were conveniently absent on the occasion of my visit. His J. W. is only an average worker ; none of the others can do the work. The Secretary's books are fairly well kept, and the cash is promptly paid over. I did not see the Treasurer's books, as he was not on hand. The outlook for this lodge is poor. It seems to have outlived its usefulness. The W. M. is anxious and willing, but all the officers are careless. The attendance is poor, and I do not think that it will improve ; it may revive, but it will be in the distant future.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton : Visited March 16th, 1892 ; 23 members were present, including four P. M's. The lodge was opened in the first, second and third degrees, with all the officers in their chairs. I saw the second degree conferred on a candidate by the W. M., and I was glad to be able to compliment him and the officers on the work. The lodge room is neatly furnished. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are in first-class order. The lodge is a healthy, vigorous one, and I am certain that it will go on and prosper.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford : Visited April 8th. The attendance was small, owing to another meeting being held in the town. The second degree was worked, but not in as satisfactory a manner as I expected to see it. The opening and closing in the three degrees was fairly well done. Light refreshments were supplied in the ante-room, and a very pleasant time was had. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are correctly kept. The dues are well collected, but the lodge financially is poor. Membership, 64 ; average attendance, 14. There is no reason, save indifference on the part of the membership, why the lodge should not prosper.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland : Visited this lodge on April 13th, and saw the third degree conferred on a candidate by the W. M., which was fairly well done. A little more practice is required. This lodge is not as prosperous as I would wish, but I hope for improvement in the near future. Membership, 28 ; present, 12 ; average attendance, 9. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept. The lodge room is comfortable and well furnished.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood : Visited this lodge on April 13th. Members present, forty-two. It afforded me much pleasure to visit this lodge, which I am proud to say is my mother lodge, and in whose welfare I will ever take a deep interest. W. Bro Williams, the W. M., and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. There being no candidate, the W. M., at my request, exemplified the first degree in a manner deserving of credit. The J. W. gave the lecture on the tracing board in a style that was very satisfactory. In no lodge are the financial affairs better looked after. Both Secretary and Treasurer are capable officers and their books are in a good shape. The brethren and the I. O. O. F. own the temple in which they have each separate lodge rooms. I can only repeat the remarks of my predecessor, that they are the best and most commodious in the district.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie : Visited this lodge on May 5th. Members present, forty-six, and I was pleased to meet M. W. Bro. Spry and R. W. Bros. Monkman and MacWatt. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and as might be expected, the work was well done by W. Bro. Urquhart and his officers. I witnessed the initiation, which was done perfectly by all the officers. This lodge room is complete in every particular, and the brethren of Barrie are to be congratulated on their hall and all its appointments. Membership, 110 ; average attendance, 20.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia : Visited the lodge on May 6th. Fourteen members present. S. W., J. W. and S. D. absent, also the Secretary, but he could be excused as he has been sick for some time. The W. M., Bro. Roper, opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The W. M. informed me that many of the members never attend the lodge, and seemed to be quite indifferent as to its progress or decline. There is certainly a fine field to draw from, and Masonry should flourish in a town of this size. I feel satisfied that if the officers and members of this lodge will only put their shoulders to the wheel and all work together, their spacious and comfortable room will be well filled on its nights of meeting. Membership, one hundred ; average attendance, twelve ; number of members over twelve months in arrears, thirty-four ; total of all arrearages, three hundred and eighty-one dollars ; state of lodge financially, not good.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg : Visited this lodge May 10th. Eighteen members present, W. Bro. Dyer, W. M., in the chair ; J. W. absent. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a fairly good manner, but all the officers require more study and practice in order to exemplify the work impressively. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dickinson's books and records are a credit to him and to the lodge. The Treasurer's books are properly kept.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound, May 11th : I left home per steamer at 12:30 noon, expecting to visit this lodge in the evening, but owing to foggy weather, did not get there until the next morning, so spent the day with the W. M. and Secretary. They are both zealous Masons, and from what I could see and learn they are prospering. The W. M. can open and close in the three degrees, also work the first and second degrees. Membership, 52 ; average attendance, 15. This lodge has paid out the sum of \$93.70 for relief.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound : Visited May 18th, at its regular meeting, officers all in their respective chairs. The work was the initiation of a candidate which was correctly done. There was a large turn-out of members, and I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. John Creasor and V. W. Bros. McKnight, and Geo. Ingles. All the officers are deserving of praise, and W. Bro. James Douglass is to be congratulated on his assistants. The lodge, financially, is good. The members are in the most complete harmony, and the prospects of this lodge are good.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound : This lodge called an emergent meeting on date of my visit to North Star, and after Lodge No. 322 had finished their labours for the evening, the W. M. and officers took the chairs. All present except the J. W. They then opened the lodge in the second degree, and passed a candidate in a correct and efficient manner. Between the two lodges there seems to be a generous rivalry, but it is a rivalry of love as to who can best excel and best agree. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are well kept.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie : Visited this lodge on May 23rd. Membership, 102 ; present, 42, among whom was M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, and R.W. Bro. Geo. Monkman ; W. Bro. W. C. McLean, and officers, were all in their respective places. I saw the third degree conferred on a candidate. The work was well done, all being well skilled. The books are neatly kept, and the business of the lodge is in every respect carefully attended to. It may be mentioned that the equipment and furniture is the joint property of the two lodges, and is fully insured.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud : I visited this lodge on June 7th. Several of the Barrie brethren accompanied me. I witnessed the opening and closing of the lodge in all the degrees, and the installation of the new officers by the retiring Master, W. Bro. Palling. He also conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner. The other officers also did very well ; W. Bro. E. E. Sheppard, of Toronto, is now W.M. This lodge is making some progress ; the prospects are only fair. The hall is not suitable, ante-rooms small and on the ground floor. The books of the lodge are very well kept.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville : Visited on June 8th. This lodge has 44 members ; average attendance being 20. The W.M. worked the first two degrees. Both Wardens absent ; Past Masters acting ; the work fairly well done. The Secretary and Treasurer's books are well kept. The condition of the lodge financially is good, and its prospects are promising. Amount paid for relief, \$65. Total arrearages, \$20. Insurance, \$300.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelbourne : Visited June 9th, at an emergency meeting called to receive me. Lodge opened in the three degrees, and first degree given by W. Bro. Mason, W.M. ; he is a good worker. The other officers all in their places, and their work well done. The members all seemed to be enthusiastic Masons, and take a delight in their lodge-room, which is nicely furnished ; ante-rooms and equipment good. This lodge is promising. Membership, 50 ; increase during year, eight ; meetings held, 20 ; average attendance 19 ; insurance, \$300 ; prospects good.

Prince Arthur, No. 333, Flesherton : Visited this lodge on June 10th. The W.M. could open and close in all degrees fairly well. There were three candidates for the first degree, but the W.M. had to call on Past Masters to do the work. The Wardens' and Deacons' work was poorly done. The W.M. and officers do not take the interest in their lodge they should, and the lodge is not as prosperous as I would wish. Secretary's books are well kept.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford : I appointed a day for my official visit, and wrote to the W.M. to that effect, but on the day of the proposed visit I received a telegram from the Secretary, requesting me not to come, as there was no chance of a meeting. Shortly after the lodge-room was destroyed by fire. I have written to the W.M. and Secretary for a statement of their financial standing, but have not yet received it. I have been informed that Masonry is languishing in this place, little or no interest being taken in the work. The out-look, from all I can gather, is a poor one.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Albion : This lodge I did not visit, and I can only say, with all of my predecessors, that this lodge should be in Toronto District. It can be reached from the provincial capital easily. It would have cost me two days away from home to visit this lodge. I have written the W.M. and Secretary for a statement of their lodge, but could not get it.

REDISTRIBUTION.

My experience has been the same as all my predecessors, that the Georgian District is too large, and I hope the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge last year to report at this annual communication, will be able to report in favor of dividing No. 9 District, by taking out the following lodges, namely: Golden Rule, No. 409; Granite, No. 352; Muskoka, No. 360; Unity, No. 376; Strong, No. 423; and True Blue, No. 98, the latter should go in the Toronto District.

During the year the following deaths have been reported to me: W. Bro. John B. Thompson, and Bros. Charles Mackenzie, and W. T. Mundrell, all of Orillia Lodge, No. 192; Bro. J. F. Fletcher, Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown; Bro. Atcheson Kerr, of Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Flesherton; Bro. W. H. Crosby, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie. W. Bro. Thompson was personally well-known to me, and in his demise the Masons of Orillia lost a most exemplary brother and an estimable citizen.

In conclusion I wish to express my fraternal thanks to the brethren of the Ninth Masonic District, for their unlimited and unbounded courtesy extended to me, and I can assure them that I have spent a most happy year amongst the lodges in trying to do my duty as the representative of the Grand Master. I may not have fulfilled your expectations, but I have earnestly endeavored to deserve your confidence. The state of my health during a portion of the year prevented me from meeting with my brethren as frequently as I wished to do, and this I trust will be found sufficient excuse for my shortcomings in this direction.

W. T. TONER, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District.

 NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

Having been honored by the Grand Lodge at its last annual session by being placed in the position of District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th District, I felt and still feel that it was a task heavier than I was properly fitted to carry out, to my own satisfaction and that of the brethren, who had placed me in the honorable position. But being determined to do the best I could, I have persevered to the end of the term, and now beg to present a report of the work done in this district, with a few general remarks which I wish to make with regard to the Niagara District. In the first place, if it is determined to rearrange the district, while there are some lodges who might desire a change, there are very few, in fact only one has expressed that desire to me, that is Enniskillen Lodge of York. The brethren there think it would be to their advantage to be connected with the Hamilton District. All the others seem pleased with being where they are, and still Niagara District is a very scattered one and some of the lodges might be consulted about a change. Another matter is that there are some very weak lodges and too many in one place. I venture the opinion that two lodges would be enough in St. Catharines, instead of three as at present. I have been a supporter of an arrangement of some kind, that would bring about this end, also in Welland, where it seems to me that one lodge would be enough. There are also some weak lodges that would do more for the good of the Craft if they would

unite with some other. In this connection I refer to Myrtle Lodge, Port Robinson, where the prospects are not very bright. If the brethren there would unite with Welland or Thorold it would, in my opinion, be beneficial to all concerned.

I have visited all the lodges in this district, and append a few remarks of each visit. I wish, however, to call the attention of the W. M.'s of lodges to the necessity of sending to the D.D.G.M. the report of the year's work immediately after the 24th June, as he has to depend on that in a great measure, so as to be able to make out a proper report; also I may suggest that they report the name and rank of all deceased brethren of their lodge. In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for their kindness and courtesy to me during my visits to their different lodges.

VISITS.

November 27th, 1891: Visited Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines. Large turn-out of members and visitors from Grimsby, Port Dalhousie, and Maple Leaf and St. George's Lodges, St. Catharines. I am pleased to be able to say that this is as well worked a lodge as there is in this District, and they have also made a slight increase. This being the lodge to which I belong, I do not wish to pay it too high a compliment, but in justice to the W. M. and other officers, I will have to give them credit for very good work, and a desire to advance the interests both of the Order and their own lodge.

December 9th: Visited Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold. Was accompanied by a large number of the brethren from St. Catharines. We were very kindly received by the brethren on the Mountain. This being the night for the election of officers, there was no other work done. W. M. Campbell opened and closed in all three degrees in a very creditable manner. Mountain Lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

Dec. 10th: Visited Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls. There was a very large turn-out of members, and quite a number of brethren from St. Mark's, among whom I was pleased to meet P. M. Collins, Bros. Morris and Douglas, who were members of this lodge when I was made a member of it twenty years ago. W. M. Bro. McMaster is a very careful and correct worker, and the lodge is in good hands. He conferred the F. C. degree in a splendid manner. He is well supported by his Wardens and other officers.

Jan. 7th, 1892: Visited Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, and found them meeting in a new hall for the first time, which is, I am informed, very much of an improvement on their old room. I was particularly well received by W. M. Sykes and all the brethren. The W. M. works all the degrees, and I saw him confer the third in a manner that would be hard to excel. The work done in this lodge is good. The attendance on the occasion of my visit was twenty-six.

Jan. 12th: Visited Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Victoria, through an error in the report of the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge, stating night of meeting of Palmer Lodge to be Tuesday on or before full moon, I notified that I would visit them that night, and they very kindly called an emergent meeting. Notwithstanding this, there was a good turn-out of brethren to meet me, and as there was no regular work to be gone through with, I had W. M. Bro. Hawkins open and go through the ordinary work of the three degrees, which he did in a most creditable manner, ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers. I am pleased to see that R. W. Bro. Hurrell has not lost interest in this lodge, like so many who have filled the office of D.D.G.M., but is hard at work,

assisting in every way to make the lodge what it is, one of the best in this district.

Jan. 13th : Visited Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition and is doing a good work, as I am led to believe that they are very careful what kind of material they accept, and the W.M. is well up in his work, as are also his Wardens. He conferred the second degree on the occasion of my visit in a very correct manner. I was very kindly received and looked after by the brethren, and am much indebted to R. W. Bros. Tipton, Perry and Jacques for kindness at their hands.

Jan. 14th : Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga. This lodge is not in the best shape possible. They are financially all right, but small in numbers. The Master would be a splendid worker, only he does not stick as closely to our work as he should, and his Wardens are not up to the mark. I called the attention of the lodge to some of the errors they were making. They seem very anxious to get in good shape. I have hope they will soon regain the position they once held of being a good live lodge. The second degree was conferred, and from the examination that the candidate was put through, I think that any one going through W. M. Hoskall's hands will be able to work his way.

Feb. 8th : Visited Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, and found a very good turn-out of members. I was very much pleased to find some seven or eight P.M.'s taking a full share of the work of the lodge, this is as it ought to be, but unfortunately is not always the case. The W.M., Bro. Wells, was unfortunately called away from town, so I had not the pleasure of meeting him, but was assured by some of the P.M.'s that he has gone through the first and second degrees and intended to work the third on the night of my visit. The work was well done by P.M.'s Wells and Crowe. This is a good lodge.

Feb. 9th : Visited Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, and saw the W.M. Bro. Brine initiate a candidate in a fairly good manner. Bro. Brine can work the three degrees. This is a very prosperous lodge, and from the first-class material they are getting in, I feel satisfied that Ivy Lodge is bound to become one of the best in our district. I was accompanied on my visit by quite a number of brethren from St. Catharines, and we were met by R.W. Bro. William Gibson, P.D.D.G.M., who very ably assisted the W.M. and brethren to make it pleasant for the visitors. The visit was both pleasant and profitable to myself, and I trust to the lodge also, as there were several able addresses to the lodge made by R.W. Bro. Gibson, and several of the brethren who accompanied me.

Feb. 11th : Visited Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville. There was a very creditable gathering notwithstanding that the night was very severe, and a heavy snow storm prevented some of the brethren, who live at a distance from the lodge, from being present. The W.M., Bro. Howard, is not quite up in the degree work yet, but he assures me he will be all ready to confer the work as it comes along. P.M. Macdonald put a candidate through the third degree, thus closing out the work commenced by him. Hiram Lodge is in a very prosperous state.

Feb. 12th : Visited King Solomon's Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis, and it was a pleasure, even though there was no work to be done. The chair was filled by P.M. Bro. Noble, the W.M. being absent owing to a severe cold. The routine work of this lodge is as good as any I have seen, and I cannot refrain from complimenting this lodge on the selection of its Secretary. Bro. Hill is a most efficient officer, and has his books in first-rate order, and gives a most minute account of everything

that transpires at the meetings of the lodge. The prospects of this lodge are good. I have met R. W. Bro. Jacques, who is a member of King Solomon's Lodge, and I believe that to his energy and counsels, ably supported by every member, is largely due the excellent condition of the lodge.

March 8th: Visited officially St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls S., and was more than pleased at my reception by the brethren of my mother lodge, and a large delegation of brethren from Clifton Lodge. The W. M., Bro. Garner, although a young man, and consequently a young Mason, is a most enthusiastic Master. He conferred the third degree in a manner that left little room for criticism. He is ably assisted by his officers, all being well up in their work. The prospects of the lodge are good. On this visit I was accompanied by W. Bro. A. J. McGregor, P. M., of Temple Lodge, No. 296, who has been kind enough to accompany me on a great many of my visits.

March 9th: Visited Niagara Lodge, No. 2, at Niagara on the Lake, and was well received by the brethren. There was not as large a turn out as there usually is, owing to the bad roads, and as many of the members live quite a distance from the town it is hard to get there in such weather. The third degree was worked by the W. M., Bro. Best, assisted by W. Bro. Knox, and was fairly well done. After the lodge closed down to the first degree, I addressed a few remarks to the brethren by which I hope they will profit. The prospects are only fair.

April 12th: Visited Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Pt. Robinson, and spent a very pleasant time with the brethren. There was no work and a very poor attendance. The W. M. has worked the third degree, but has not had a chance to try the others. They have a very comfortable lodge-room, but are not in a prosperous condition. The prospects for this lodge would be much better if the lodge would unite with some other, as after they pay running expenses, there is nothing left for benevolence.

May 10th: Visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport, and had a very good turn-out of the brethren. There was no work, and I was very sorry to find that while the lodge was doing fairly well in strength, that there was not that attention paid to the work that there might be. The W. M. is only able to work the first and second degrees, and none of the P. M.'s. being able to work the third, they have to depend upon brethren from outside to do that for them. I advised them as strongly as possible to be independent of all outside help.

May 11th: Visited Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Pt. Dalhousie. Was accompanied by W. Bros. Seymour and McGregor, of Temple Lodge, No. 296, and Bro. Foster, of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103; W. Bro. Dwyer, of Seymour Lodge, now residing in St. Catharines, also accompanied us. There was a very small representation of the brethren. Of course, a great many are sailing men and away from home, but a good many were at home, and stayed there. On this occasion there was a very pleasant surprise for those who were at the lodge, as W. Bro. J. R. Seymour presented to the lodge a very handsome and life-like portrait of his father, the late M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, P. G. M., after whom the lodge was named. The kindness of Bro. Seymour was fully appreciated and acknowledged by the brethren present, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to him for the handsome present. A short time was spent very pleasantly before the start for home was made. This lodge has been burnt out three times, but still keeps the Masonic light in proper place, and deserves to succeed. The prospects for this lodge are fair.

June 2nd : Visited Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland, and found a very small assemblage of the members, but they were augmented by brethren from Merritt Lodge, who conferred the third degree. The W. M., Bro. McConachie, was not present, as he has been passing through a season of very severe affliction, having within two months lost by death his wife and son, but it shows the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren of both lodges when one finds that they turn out to do the work for him. In connection with the Craft in Welland, I must say that I think it would be much better if there were only one lodge, and I believe that if the brethren would look at it in this light they would all see it in the same way, and try to bring about an amalgamation that would be beneficial to both.

June 6th : Visited Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York. I found a fair turn-out of the members, and that the lodge is doing some work. There were two brethren to pass, but were not ready so that I did not see any of the work. Membership is small; they, however, own their own hall, and are in fair condition. Several members of the lodge spoke as if they would be better pleased to be allied with the Hamilton District, and gave several reasons for the desire.

June 7th : Visited Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne, and found it in rather a backward condition. I was able to get very little knowledge of the affairs of the lodge, only that they do not hold their meetings very regularly. They have not admitted any members in some years. A candidate was accepted on the night of my visit, but he was not on hand, so I did not see any of the work. This lodge is decidedly backward.

June 26th : Visited Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, a second time. Was accompanied by W. Bro. J. B. Henderson, of Temple Lodge, No. 296. This was an emergent meeting, called for the purpose of decorating the graves of deceased brethren, and attending divine worship, in celebration of the festival of St. John the Baptist. The decoration of the graves of our departed brethren is, I think, a very pleasing way of showing that though they have gone from us they are not forgotten. We had the pleasure of listening to a very able sermon preached by Rev. Bro. O'Neal, pastor of the Baptist Church, which was thoroughly appreciated by the brethren, and, I trust, by the very large congregation which was assembled to hear him.

June 30th : Paid an official visit to Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, and was well received by the brethren. There was a good deal of work, which was conducted in a very creditable manner by the W. M., Bro. H. Southcott, assisted by W. Bros. Johnston and Stevenson, both P. M.'s of Maple Leaf. They had three initiations and two passings. This lodge is doing well, although they show a decrease from eight of last year, which is caused by suspensions for N. P. D., having dropped ten and two having resigned, making a total of twelve, but taking in four, thus showing an actual loss of eight. The prospects of the lodge are good. Their officers are well up in their work, and I trust the year on which they are entering will be prosperous.

July 5th : I had the opportunity of visiting St. George's Lodge, No. 15, and found the lodge in the charge of a new W. M. and Wardens. They filled the respective chairs very creditably, and I think the lodge will regain its old time usefulness under their charge. It has been rather backward for some time. There was a fair turn-out of members with a few visitors from the other lodges in the city. I have no doubt that the work will be well done by the brethren of St. George's Lodge.

The Niagara District is in a fairly prosperous condition. I trust that the same harmony which has prevailed in the district during the past year may continue.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted three dispensations during the year: On December 27th, 1891, to Niagara, No. 2; June 24th, 1892, to Ivy Lodge, No. 115; and on July 6th, 1892, to Hiram Lodge, No. 319, all for the purpose of attending divine service.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. ROBERTSON, D.D.G.M.,
10th Masonic District.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Eleventh Masonic District.

As soon as possible after my election, I appointed V. W. Bro. James W. Allan, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. John Farncomb, District Chaplain, and notified the different lodges in my district to that effect.

I have officially visited all the lodges composing this district, with the exception of Humber Lodge, No. 305. I have made several attempts to visit the lodge, but from various reasons, they could not, or thought they could not, procure sufficient attendance. Some of the lodges I visited twice, and a few three times. I have pleasure in reporting that this district is in a flourishing and progressive state, most of the lodges being almost perfect in the work and in their internal management, while a few (but very few) are still in a rather sleepy condition. This satisfactory state of things is mainly due to the indefatigable work bestowed upon the district by the D.D.G.M.'s of latter years. The time, energy and ability devoted by these zealous brethren during the past few years, has brought the Eleventh District to a state of perfection which is not excelled, if equalled, by any other district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

But, satisfactory as I found the district, and pleasant as I found it, from a personal standpoint, I cannot but strongly emphasize what has been said by my immediate predecessor, viz., that there is too much expected from a D.D.G.M., and I trust more definite action will be taken in connection with my suggestion than with his. I consider that the Eleventh District is too large, both numerically and geographically for one man to properly and constitutionally do the work required of him, and at the same time give anything like proper attention to his private business. I would respectfully suggest that all the lodges situated in the city of Toronto and suburbs be formed into a district of themselves, and the lodges not so situated be attached to some other district, or made to form a new district.

As an indication of the work necessary for the D.D.G.M. of this district to perform, I may mention that I have travelled over three thousand miles, and have written over one thousand letters during the year. I respectfully ask a serious consideration of this matter.

JURISDICTION.

The only question of jurisdiction that has come before me during the year is the old matter of dispute between Markham Union Lodge,

No. 87, and Orient Lodge, No. 339. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge this matter was referred to me with the proviso "that Markham Union Lodge should have the debatable ground surveyed." I brought this question before Markham Union Lodge at the time of making my official visit, and it was then decided, upon resolution of the lodge, that Orient Lodge should be asked to accept me as arbitrator in the matter, my decision to be final. Orient Lodge has not accepted the proposition of Markham Union Lodge. I have had considerable correspondence with both lodges in connection with the case. Orient Lodge has expressed its willingness to pay fifty dollars and have the matter settled, and Markham Union is willing to accept seventy-five dollars in full of all claims. Although Orient Lodge might possibly be compelled to pay more than they offer, I consider it will be in the interest of the Craft if the matter is settled upon the basis of the offer to pay \$50, and I so recommend.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Upon instruction received from the M. W. the Grand Master, I held a lodge of instruction in the Toronto-street hall, Toronto, on the evening of May 30th, when the new work was exemplified by the officers of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247. The first and third degree was undertaken by the W.M., W. Bro. Howson, and the second degree by W. Bro. Clarke, P.M. of the same lodge. A very large number of the Craft registered their attendance. All of the city lodges, and the following country lodges being represented: Stanley, 426; Blackwood, 311; Tuscan, 99; Richmond, 23; Rising Sun, 129; Doric, 424; River Park, 356; Humber, 305; York, 156; Brougham Union, 269; Markham Union, 87; Sharon, 97; Mimico, 369; Zeredatha, 220; Ionic, 229. I cannot speak in too high praise of the careful and intelligent manner in which the work was performed; every attention was paid to the slightest detail, and I feel confident that those brethren who were fortunate enough to be present were much edified. We were enabled to illustrate the three degrees in less than four hours, from the fact that I gave it to be understood that no controversy should take place, but that the work as exhibited was the proper work, and as such must be copied by the rest of the lodges. This prevented the asking of "faddish" questions, which usually take up so much of the time at such meetings.

On the 29th June, I held a second lodge of instruction in the same hall, when a large number of the Craft attended, but not as many country lodges were represented. The utmost degree of interest was evinced. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Horton, and officers of Alpha Lodge, No. 384; the second degree by W. Bro. Bryers and officers of Doric Lodge, No. 316, and the third degree by W. Bro. Scott and officers of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22. These officers had apparently devoted a good deal of attention to their respective positions. The work was certainly done in an admirable manner all round, and the result will no doubt be profitable.

PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

I have great pleasure in reporting that "The Toronto Past Masters' Association," which was originated and inaugurated by R. W. Bro. Geo. J. Bennett during his year of office, has become a strong element of usefulness and strength to the Craft, not only in the city, but in the country, as a number of Past Masters from the country are members.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have issued the following dispensations: Doric Lodge, No. 424; Blackwood Lodge, No. 311; River Park Lodge, No-

356, to attend divine service; Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, to initiate a serving brother. I had also the pleasure of handing the dispensation of the M. W. the Grand Master to W. Bro. M. P. McMaster, of Acacia Lodge, East Toronto. This lodge starts under very favorable auspices, having a good membership, and a careful and intelligent lot of officers. Their lodge is well equipped, and when they get into new premises, which are being built for them, they will have a very creditable lodge room. I have every confidence in the future of Acacia Lodge.

IN MEMORIAM.

I am satisfied that a considerable number of deaths have occurred in the ranks of our Craft of which I have not been notified, some secretaries evidently thinking that any information that I might want upon this subject could be obtained from the newspapers. I wish I could think the list following were the only names that will be missed from the register in future. The following are the names of those brethren of whose demise I have been notified: Bro. John McEachren, St. George, 367; Wor. Bro. Christopher Burrell, Ionic, 229; Bro. John Pearson, Chaplain Rehoboam Lodge, 65; David N. Craig, Ionic 229; Bro. W. R. Phillips, Tuscan, 99; Bro. J. G. Holmes, S. W., Stevenson, 218.

GENERAL.

I have found it necessary to be rather severe in my criticism in several instances in my report of the different lodges, for which I offer no apology, as I feel I was elected to the position of D. D. G. M. to do what was simply my duty and give an unvarnished and frank account of what I had observed during my visits, and I trust that what I have said in reprobation may be taken in the same fraternal spirit in which it is given, and spur the delinquents to increased vigor. I also wish to emphasize the fact that most of the Worshipful Masters appear to think that the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge which have been sent them are their own private property, instead of being the property of the lodge, of which they should form part of the library, and further, I have yet to learn of a single case where a lodge has had read to them even that portion of the proceedings relating to their own lodge and district.

D. D. G. M'S. EXPENSES.

I must also, unwillingly, revert to a subject which was touched upon by R. W. Bro. Bennett in his report last year. I refer to the non-payment of the legitimate expenses of the D. D. G. M. Now that my term of office has expired I can speak with more freedom upon the subject. I know that the lodges are not entirely to blame in the matter, as some D. D. G. M's. have refused to accept expenses when offered them. I took entirely different ground upon this question, and in every case when asked how much my expenses were, I counted them up as a matter of business. I know there are many brethren in the district who are well qualified for the position but are debarred from accepting it in consequence of the expense attached, and a man ought not to be put in a position of having to ask for what the constitution plainly says shall be done. For the information of the lodges in the district I subjoin a list of those lodges which have paid the expenses of the D. D. G. M. during the past year: King Solomon's, No. 22; St. John's, No. 75; Markham Union, No. 87; York, No. 156; Zeredatha, No. 220; Ionic, No. 229; Brougham Union, No. 269; Doric, No. 316; Brock, No. 354; River Park, No. 356; Zeta, No. 410, and Acacia, U. D.

I cannot conclude my preliminary remarks in connection with this district without acknowledging the whole-hearted and warm brotherly

feeling evinced towards me in all parts of the district, and while the labor was by no means light, it was sweetened by this hearty and fraternal welcome. I have also to acknowledge, with the warmest thanks, the assistance I have received from the wisdom and experience of many distinguished Craftsmen, especially from the M.W. the Grand Master, whose prompt and decisive action in every case of difficulty, was a wonderful stimulus and stamina.

VISITATIONS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: I first visited this lodge Nov. 10th, and as the election of officers took place the same evening I was unable to see any degrees conferred; however, from the prompt manner of all the officers in opening and closing in the different degrees, St. Andrew's will compare favorably with most, if not all, of the lodges in the district. The utmost harmony appears to prevail here, and the elections passed off with that good feeling which should at all times be obtained in a Masonic lodge. The books of the Secretary are kept in a business-like manner, but I regret to say that a large number of the brethren are allowed to get very much behind in their dues. The prospects of the lodge are very good indeed. They have added a great deal of first-class material to the membership. I visited this lodge again on March 29th. W. Bro. Bell appears to have perfected himself in the ritualistic work, the first degree being given in very good form; he also has admirable control of his lodge. Upon the occasion of my visit the lodge took the opportunity of presenting V.W. Bro. Geo. Tait with a purse and an address, as he was about leaving for the Pacific Coast. I learned some days subsequently that V.W. Bro. Tait had made other business arrangements and decided to remain in Toronto, thus the Eleventh District will not have to regret the loss of an ardent Mason.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: I visited this lodge April 14th, and was greeted by a large number of visitors and members. The W.M. conferred the first degree in a very acceptable manner. The work of the other officers was correct as to detail, but lacked snap and promptness, but I feel sure that under ordinary circumstances they would be fully up to the mark. A good many of the members of the lodge fail to remember that a lodge room is not the place for a debating society, as sometimes discussions of a business character lead to rancorous remarks. However, a better feeling appears to prevail than in former years, and time, the great healer, will cicatrize all wounds. The books of the Secretary are admirably kept, and the officers who are working up in the lodge lead me to hope that its affairs for some years to come will be well looked after.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this lodge April 11th; there were about thirty members present. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and although no candidate presented himself, the first degree was exemplified in a very fair manner. The W.M. and all the other officers showed they had profited by the instruction of my predecessors. A spirit of emulation pervades the members, which must be productive of good. The utmost harmony prevails in the lodge, and though candidates are not plentiful, the prospects of the lodge are good. The finances and books are in a fair condition.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: Visited this lodge November 3rd, when the election of officers was taking place, and I was therefore able to personally observe the harmony which exists. I certainly was much gratified to find such a thoroughly Masonic feeling prevailing. The newly elected officers are brethren who have all been tried and not found

wanting, and I feel satisfied that although the standard of excellence has been high in the past, it will not deteriorate during the present regime. W. Bro. Patterson worked the first degree during my visit, and I was very much pleased with the care and study that he and the different officers had evidently brought to bear upon the matter. This lodge also works the 4th degree in a manner peculiarly their own, and a hearty welcome is given to all visitors. The lodge books are well kept and the prospects are bright.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple : Visited this lodge June 7th. This lodge has an active membership, and all the members, including the oldest Past Masters, take a live interest in the proceedings. Their hall, which is owned by themselves, and free from debt, is nicely furnished, and is one of the brightest in the district. The W.M. and the regular officers worked the first degree in a fairly accurate manner, but it was evident that they had not regarded the lodge of instruction a week previous. The pruning knife is being used in a proper manner with those members who are in arrears. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and the books are well kept. The W.M. and a number of members of Richmond Lodge paid a fraternal visit on the night of my visitation.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto : I visited this lodge November 5th, and I found that my visit occurred upon a night when the Past Masters of the lodge had taken charge of affairs, and although I was sorry not to be able to note the work of the regular officers, I was exceedingly pleased to observe the enthusiastic interest taken in the work by the veterans who conferred the first degree in a highly creditable manner. W. Bro. Dennis presided, and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. R. L. Patterson and W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, the work was done promptly and well. The different offices were filled by W. Bros. McLachlan, Graham, Watt, Gibbs, Westman, Bain, Kirkland, Parke, and V.W. Bros. Carkeek and Gallow, all of whom showed they had not forgotten how things ought to be done. From the good feeling existing amongst the brethren and the able members of which it is composed, there is no doubt of the continued prosperity of Rehoboam, No. 65. The books are kept in first-class style.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75 : This being my mother lodge, I made a point of paying my first official visit to it, and was greeted by a very large attendance, who gave me the heartiest sort of welcome. From some unaccountable cause, this lodge (although one of the strongest in the district) has not been particularly successful this year. The books are kept in business style, and the financial condition of the lodge is splendid. There was no work for my inspection, but the officers appeared to be well versed in what was required of them.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto : A very large attendance greeted me when I visited this lodge on May 17th. The W. M. worked the first degree in an admirable manner, and was ably supported by the officers. The J. W. was suffering from an affection of the throat, and did not give his lecture, but I learned he had given it several times before. This lodge has made a large increase in the membership during the year, and of a particularly good class of material. The books of the Secretary are second to none in the district, and the utmost harmony prevails. The W. M. and officers maintain the dignity of their position, and progress appears to be their aim.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham : My visit to this lodge was made on April 8th. From reports I had heard I did not expect very much from this lodge, and was agreeably disappointed. A very

fair attendance welcomed me. The W. M., who lives in Peterboro', opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the third degree, and although the work was not first-rate, it was better than I had anticipated. I devoted about two hours to instruction, and all the officers appeared to be anxious to learn. Financially the lodge is in good shape, and the books are well kept.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: My first visit to this lodge was on December 29th, when I installed the officers. There was a large attendance of brethren who enjoyed the lavish hospitality of the lodge, which has become proverbial. This lodge is, without doubt, one of the most prosperous amongst the country lodges, each and every member vieing one with the other to make it a success. They have added largely to the membership during the past year, and the material is first-class. The books are well kept, the Past Secretary being a very industrious Mason. The I. P. M., W. Bro. J. J. Terry, deserves the greatest credit for the care and attention he has given the lodge during the year, and the gavel has fallen to a worthy successor in W. Bro. D. L. Leppard. I again visited this lodge on May 19th, having called a special meeting for the purpose of inspecting the new officers. Although it was a very wet night, a large attendance greeted me. The second degree was worked by the W. M. and the regular officers in very fair style. The future of the lodge is safe in the hands of the present officers.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: This lodge cannot be classed as a prosperous lodge if an increased membership may be taken as a criterion, but the members, or most of them, are very enthusiastic workers, and the dignity and usefulness of the Craft will not retrograde in Tuscan's jurisdiction. One reason, and a good one, may be given for the lack of increase of membership. They are very particular as to the class of men they will accept. The present W. M., W. Bro. P. T. Lee, is one of the most willing and industrious workers in the district, and though he lives in Toronto he never misses a regular or emergency meeting. He is a fair worker and is very fairly supported.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: My visit to this lodge was on March 7th. A number of the Craft drove over from Aurora, although the roads were in a shocking condition, but nothing stops the brethren of Aurora. This lodge appears to have outrun its usefulness, for although the officers are fairly well up in their work and the membership is composed of a rather superior sort of men, they have not only done no work, for a long time, but had not held a regular meeting from July to November, and after that not until my visit in March. They owe a good deal to their energetic Secretary, W. Bro. Brereton, but being a medical man he cannot always be present at the meetings. The W. M. did not appear during my visit, and his absence is yet to be accounted for. The lodge room is very comfortable and well furnished, is owned by the Craft, and is free from debt. A revival is devoutly hoped for.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: My first visit to this lodge was on September 4th. The W. M. worked the second degree very creditably for a first performance, and the officers were moderately good. I again visited this lodge on March 21st and saw the W. M. confer the third degree in a careful and correct manner. I was much surprised and pleased with the marked improvement in this lodge during a few months under the supervision of W. Bro. H. J. Charles. A veritable Masonic revival appears to have taken place, and I am confident it has come to stay. The class of material taken in is of the best, and

must eventually redound to the permanent benefit of the lodge and the Craft. A number of brethren who were alienated from the lodge have resumed their intercourse, and the prospects are bright for the future. The books are fairly well kept and the finances in good condition.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: This lodge is not yet in first-class condition, but the officers and some of the brethren are evidently trying their best to put it upon good footing. The W. M. and S. W. are residents of Toronto, and though they have such a distance to travel, are very regular in their attendance and are painstaking officers. The second degree was conferred, the work of the W. M. and S. W. being creditable, but the other officers were rather crude. A better feeling might possibly prevail, and if the officers and members will give a hearty support to the W. M., who certainly is making considerable personal sacrifice in their interests, there is no doubt the lodge will emerge from a slough of despond which threatened to engulf it in former years. The finances and books are in a fairly good condition.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto: This lodge still keeps on in a progressive way and the work of the W. M. and officers would reflect credit upon any lodge. The Past Masters are regular attendants of lodge meetings, and set a good example by a readiness to do any minor duty. The books of the Secretary are intelligently kept. The greatest harmony appears to prevail amongst the brethren, and as an evidence that it is so, the outside register always regularly shows a large number of visitors. The prospects of the lodge are bright indeed.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I was welcomed by a very large attendance of members and visitors upon the night of my visit to this lodge. The work and business of the lodge was conducted with the strictest decorum, and although the work is not performed with the accuracy that ought to obtain, still the officers appear anxious to perfect themselves, and with the spirit of emulation that actuates the city lodges. I have no doubt that Stevenson Lodge will soon be on a level with the best. I was much gratified with the spirit of harmony which appears to pervade the members, and upon the whole W. Bro. Corton is to be congratulated upon the state of his lodge. The books are kept in a fair condition, and although a large amount is outstanding in dues, the Secretary informed me that vigorous action was being taken in the matter.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: In company with W. Bro. Atkinson, of Tuscan Lodge, I drove over a distance of about twenty miles to visit this lodge. It is certainly one of the banner country lodges, and can show the way to some of the more pretentious. The third degree was worked in a first-class manner, and aside from the fact that the Master's work was so excellently done, I was much impressed by the snap and vigor shown by the minor officers. There was a large attendance of the members and visitors, including a goodly number of Past Masters, who I am glad to say, are very regular attendants. The books are well kept, and the financial condition of the lodge is sound. A large measure of prosperity is deservedly assured this lodge.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: I visited this lodge November 11th, when there was a very fair attendance. The members had been notified that the election of officers would take place upon this date, but I discovered the lodge was working under new by-laws which had not been approved by the Grand Master, and ruled that the election could not take place under such circumstances, but must be held under the old by-laws. The W. M. W. Bro. Woods conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner, and the other officers were well up to the

standard. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are well kept, and very few members are in arrears. This lodge has comfortable and commodious quarters, and the appointments are far superior to most of the country lodges. A thoroughly Masonic feeling prevails, and the prospects are good.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: I first visited this lodge on October 27th, when I was greeted by a very large attendance, amongst whom were R. W. Bros. Blackwood and Roaf, P.D.D.G.M.'s. The W.M., W. Bro. Littlejohn, conferred the first degree, and W. Bro. Clarke, the I.P.M., conferred the second degree. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the work was done, hardly a spot to mar the perfectness of the whole. It was most gratifying to observe such thorough harmony and good fellowship amongst the members. The Secretary, Bro. Allan, keeps the books in a model manner, and there was but one member in arrears for dues. Ashlar Lodge sets a grand example in this and other respects. I again visited this lodge on Feb. 23rd, the occasion being the twenty-first anniversary of its birth. The attendance was very large, including M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. James Sutherland, M.P., G.S.W.; and V.W. Bro. Dr. Ryerson, G.S.D. R.W. Bro. Blackwood, the first W.M. of the lodge, delivered a brief address upon its history, after which the M.W., the Grand Master, delighted and instructed the assemblage with a lecture entitled "Thirty minutes talk on Masonry." W. Bro. Howson is certainly to be congratulated upon the success of the evening, and also on the splendid prosperity of his lodge. One of the strong features of this lodge is, that a Past Master never thinks he is too old to attend regularly and assist in the work of the lodge.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: This lodge occupies a unique position in the district, for although ostensibly a country lodge, a large proportion of the working members live in the city of Toronto and drive out, a distance of about twelve miles, to attend the meetings. I saw the first degree worked by the W.M. and officers, and was not very favorably impressed. I devoted about an hour to pointing out the corrections which were necessary. The officers all appear anxious to learn, and I have no doubt but what success will crown their efforts. The books of the Secretary are kept in a very rugged manner, chaos being nearly the proper term to apply to them. The geographical position of the lodge makes its existence rather precarious, but up to the present time they have managed to keep out of debt. I consider this lodge another illustration of there being too many lodges in some sections of the district, and if some of them could amalgamate it would, in my opinion, serve the best interests of the Craft.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Brougham: I drove out from Pickering in a drenching rain-storm to visit this lodge, and was agreeably surprised at the large attendance, which included a number of brethren from Whitby. The first degree was worked by the W.M., W. Bro. Westgate, and the regular officers. The work will not rank as first-class, but I think this may be owing to lack of material during the past year and a-half, but I am pleased to say the dearth in that line has ended, as upon the night of my visit four applications were received. Under the control of the present W.M. there is no doubt that the lodge will progress, and although it will never be a shining light, it is doing useful work. The books and finances are in first-class shape.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, Nobleton: Owing to pressure of official business, I was forced to call a special meeting of this lodge. Robert-

son Lodge, 292, and Georgina Lodge, 343, may be classed as the two weakest lodges in the district. and if it were not for the arduous work of the W.M., W. Bro. T. H. Robinson, I think there would be no lodge at all. The only members of the lodge present at my visit were the W.M., J.W., and Secretary *pro tem.*, sufficient visitors being present to make a quorum. I consider this lodge is doing no good, in fact, is detrimental to the Craft, and it would be a blessing if the charter was surrendered. The lodge-room is owned by the Craft, but is in a very unfinished condition in the interior. The W.M. is a host in himself, but from what I saw and could gather, the balance of the officers are particularly crude.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: Considering the limited field, this lodge is in a fairly prosperous condition. The members have unlimited enthusiasm, and the officers are zealous if not expert workers. It was to have been hoped that the remarks of P.D.D.G.M. Bennett would have incited the members to some effort to procure better quarters. There is no doubt that the lodge meeting in such a rookery is prejudicial to the interests of the lodge. There was no regular work, but the W.M. and regular officers exemplified the first degree in a fairly good manner. I devoted about an hour to correction and instruction, and I feel confident, from the zeal displayed, that my visit will prove beneficial. The lodge books are well kept, and the utmost good feeling prevails.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: My first visit to this lodge was made on Oct. 15th. There was a very large attendance. The first degree was worked in splendid style, the work of the minor officers being particularly fine. The books of the Secretary are kept in an exemplary manner. On February 18th I attended what was termed a military night at this lodge; an immense number, nearly 300, were in attendance. The work was done by members of the lodge, who were also military men (V. W. Bro. Capt. Knifton in the chair), and they fully demonstrated their ability to perform their duty in a peaceful capacity. Doric is to be congratulated upon inaugurating a scheme which is sure to be popular as well as beneficial to the Craft.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: There was a large attendance of members and visitors on the evening of my visit; the lodge was also honored by a visit from the M.W. the Grand Master. The W.M. worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. The officers of this lodge are fully up to the mark, the work of the Junior Deacon and Inner Guard being far above the average. There is a feeling of good fellowship and emulation in this lodge that must be productive of success. The books are in a very fair state, and not many members in arrears for dues. The lodge may be classed as one of the most prosperous in the district. I had also the pleasure of visiting St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London, on the occasion of its jubilee festival, in company with Zetland, and spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: There was a very large attendance at this lodge when I paid my visit on October 6th, including a great many Past Masters. The first degree was worked by the W.M. in a very satisfactory manner, and the rest of the officers showed themselves competent. The Secretary's books reflect a great deal of credit upon him, being kept in a most orderly and business-like manner. The prospects of this lodge are good.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Sutton West: Owing to unaccountable reasons, this lodge appears to be in a state of dry rot. Upon the night

of my visit it was nearly ten o'clock before sufficient members appeared to enable the W.M. to open the lodge. The lodge-room is very unsuitable and is badly situated, being over the driving-shed of a hotel, and the approaches certainly do not tend to add any dignity to the Craft. Outside of the W.M. and Secretary (who are the means of holding the lodge together), the officers are almost ignorant of the work required of them. The election of officers should have taken place upon the night of my visit, but from lack of attendance and a disinclination of the members to assume office, the election was postponed. During the evening a discussion took place as to the advisability of surrendering the charter, and I am doubtful if this would not be the best for the interests of the Craft. The books of the lodge are well kept, and they are out of debt.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: I visited this lodge Oct. 21st, and was greeted by an unusually large assemblage of members and visitors, fully 200 being in attendance, but none too many for the large-hearted hospitality of this lodge. W. Bro. Reid worked the first degree in a very creditable manner, and the work of his officers was particularly good. R. W. Bro. Tressider, D.D.G.M. of Montreal District, was present and was accorded a royal welcome. The prospects of Occident are excellent.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: This lodge has a good class of members who take a fairly enthusiastic interest in the Craft. They have not done any work during the year, but at my visit the W.M. and officers exemplified the third degree in a fairly satisfactory manner. Considerable time was devoted to discussion upon points raised, and all the brethren appeared anxious to learn. The W.M. is an old P.M., and is thoroughly up in his work. The S.W. was absent upon professional work, the J.W. and the rest of the officers are fairly good considering the lack of practice. The books are fairly well kept and the best of feeling prevails. Though not booming, this lodge is on a solid foundation.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: I visited this lodge on January 12th, accompanied by W. Bro. Harry Collins of Doric Lodge, No. 316, and with his assistance installed the officers. This lodge has to fight for a bare existence, there being a great paucity of members, and several of these live a considerable distance from the village, so that it is with difficulty that a quorum is obtained. However, what they lack in quantity is made up in quality, for a more genial, thoroughly Masonic body of men it would be hard to find. They are not thoroughly efficient in ritualistic work, but show a marked improvement upon former years. The books of the Secretary are kept in a model manner, and I think they have fair prospects.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: The election of officers took place upon the night of my first visit to this lodge, and in consequence there were nearly a hundred members present, besides a goodly number of visitors. I regret to say that the feeling of unrest, spoken of in a former report of this lodge, still exists, but I think there is the proper timber in the present W.M. to put a stop to what has heretofore been unseemly. I took special pains to talk privately to various members of the lodge and pointed out to them their Masonic duty, and I think with good effect. I visited this lodge again on Dec. 4th and installed the officers, and am pleased to say that all friction appeared to have vanished, the utmost harmony prevailing, which state of affairs I trust will be lasting. The lodge started the year with a fine staff of officers, and ought to have a prosperous future. The books are in very fair shape.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: At my request, V.W. Bro. George Tait installed the officers of this lodge on Dec. 15th, and he reported to me that the W.M. elect had proved himself well qualified for the position. I personally visited this lodge on May 10th, and although the night was very wet, there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The first degree was worked very fairly, both the W.M. and officers showing that they had given careful study to their respective parts. The coming officers of this lodge are all live, intelligent men, and a prosperous future is assured for some years to come. The books are kept in an admirable manner, and the dues are promptly paid.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: My visit to this lodge took place during an emergent meeting, and I took the brethren by surprise, giving no notice of my intended visit; however, I found a very satisfactory attendance. The W.M., W. Bro. Voss, worked the third degree in an excellent manner, and the work of the officers was fully up to the average. The books of the lodge were not at hand, so I cannot speak of them. The proper spirit appears to pervade the members, and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I visited this lodge December 11th, and installed the officers. The D.D.G.M. last year reported that Zeta Lodge had suffered in consequence of inexperienced brethren being placed in office. This certainly is not the case now, for at the last election nearly every office was filled by a Past Master. Such a course may perhaps be considered rather harsh treatment towards some of the younger officers, but nothing but heroic treatment of this kind could have brought the lodge out of a threatening condition of chaos. I am pleased to report that the disturbing elements have been removed, the best of feeling prevails, and the future success of the lodge is assured.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: In no lodge in the district does the work of my predecessors show better fruit than here. I was very much impressed with the conscientious and almost perfect manner in which the second degree was given. Bro. Eastwood is one of the best ritualists in the district, and has splendid support from the minor officers. The lodge room is comfortably furnished, and everything points to a successful future for Doric Lodge, No. 424. The books are kept in a model manner.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: Upon the invitation of the W.M. I installed the officers of this lodge on January 5th. Owing to illness, the W.M. was absent, but the rest of the members endeavored to atone for this by an increased heartiness of welcome. This lodge has only been in existence for a little over a year, and already is able to show the way to many lodges in the district. The lodge room is very comfortable and commodious, and the furniture ample and in good taste. The officers of the present year appeared to be imbued with the proper spirit, and I feel confident that a prosperous career is in store for Stanley Lodge, No. 426. A great deal of the success of this lodge is due to the untiring efforts of the I. P. M., W. Bro. McCormick, and his indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Fowler. On the 20th of August I received from the Grand Secretary the warrant of this lodge, with instruction from the Grand Master to regularly institute the lodge, but being unable to attend at that time I requested R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M., to perform this duty for me, and he cheerfully did so.

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. BRUNTON, D.D.G.M.,
Newmarket, July 2nd, 1892. Eleventh Masonic District

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BROS.,—I have, during my official year, visited each of the 21 lodges within this district and have found the large majority of officers well skilled in the degrees, and a credit to the Craft. There are several lodges, however, whose officers do not come up to the standard, nor show that zeal for Masonry that their position demands. The lodges that are prosperous have officers, who, as a rule, look thoroughly after the dues and take an interest in the general work. The lodges that are not prosperous have officers who care nothing about the dues and allow things generally to drift along without any effort to collect, and seem perfectly indifferent whether their term of office ends disastrously or not. Of course there are exceptions, as in some cases the past officers are to blame. Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road, is drawing to a close. Norwood, No. 223, Norwood; Murray, No. 408, Beaverton, and The Spry, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, have plenty of material to make good lodges, and I think an effort on the part of the officers would soon get these lodges in better position, but so long as matters outside of the lodge are allowed to interfere with its general prosperity, they will keep on going down hill. Mount Zion, No. 39, Brooklin, I think, may pull out of its present difficulty, but it will take a great effort on the part of the officers to do it. All the other lodges, except those above mentioned, are doing good work and have excellent officers in every respect, and will, I think, equal any others under your control. Harmony exists throughout the district and nothing of any importance has been brought to my notice that required official attention.

The W. M's of 5 lodges in the district cannot work all of the degrees, but this is more on account of lack of work than lack of zeal. They think it is no use getting up the degrees while they can always depend on having sufficient Past Masters present to give the necessary assistance. In two of the lodges the W. M's. cannot open or close. It is a question whether some better method could not be devised to get the W. M's posted, as it is impossible for the D.D.G.M. to visit lodges often enough to instruct officers, if nature has not endowed them with sufficient intelligence to get the work up themselves. I think the lodges are to blame, in nearly every instance, in electing brethren to positions, which they should know before election they could not properly fill. The elections, as a rule, in this district, take place in December, but I think if all the elections would take place in June, and the W.M's. have, say four months, to get the work completed, the D.D.G.M. could then have some good excuse for taking prompt action if the officers were not posted. As it is now, it is difficult to find fault with officers, who are installed in December, who have not their work up at the time of being officially visited.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There has been no lodge of instruction in this district during the past few years, and I think it would be of benefit to the Craft if the officers of, say three or four lodges conveniently situated, would meet together with or without the D.D.G.M. and go through the work. I think the trouble with lodges of instruction heretofore, has been that they are too large, taking too long to get all the officers posted, and having too long a distance to travel.

Good intentions and promises on the part of the different lodges,

plenty of advice and information from the D. D. G. M's, have not resulted in getting the past dues collected, in fact there is still a large sum due the lodges, and while some have made an effort and succeeded in collecting, others are afraid of hurting the feelings of the members, and may some day wonder why their lodges are falling behind, while others are more prosperous.

D. D. G. M'S. EXPENSES.

The system of payment of the D. D. G. M's expenses is a delusion, and I think does not show any marked business ability in its construction. Small lodges, as a rule, are the farthest away, and if the visits of the D. D. G. M. were paid for as recommended by Grand Lodge it would cost each member of these small lodges fully twenty-five cents, while wealthy lodges, being more central, and therefore more easily reached, the members would not pay more than five cents each, but as a matter of fact each lodge which pays gives \$5.00. This still leaves the weaker lodges to pay the greater portion of the expenses. While I have nothing to say as regards my expenses, as the greater part were paid, I still think the system is entirely wrong. There are some lodges which pay as a matter of business; others, and a great majority, pay as a matter of charity, while some others do not pay at all. I would suggest that a bill of expense be put in at the Grand Lodge by the D. D. G. M. at the end of his term, and this amount certified to at the time of his visit by the different lodges, and that an equal assessment be made on the district for the full amount.

DEATHS.

Nine deaths have been reported to me during the past year, amongst whom I may mention R. W. Bro. J. B. Hall, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and V. W. Bro. Patterson, of Peterboro' Lodge. R. W. Bro. Hall was one of the oldest members in this district, and assisted in forming Grand Lodge in Toronto in 1855. He always took an active part in Masonry and was very highly respected.

I granted dispensations to attend Divine service on June 26th to Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope; Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, and Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield.

Returns have not been sent in from all the lodges, so I cannot give a detailed report, but from the information received at the time of my visits and from returns that have been received, I find: Full membership in this district, 1,067; 67 initiations; 11 affiliations; 4 restored; 17 resigned; 10 suspended for N. P. D.; and 11 deaths, making a gain of 44 for the year. There are 212 in arrears for 12 months, amounting to \$1,500, with an average attendance of 17.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope: Visited March 17th, 1892, one initiation and two passings was the work of the evening. The W. M., Bro. J. W. Quinlan, is an excellent worker, and with the assistance of well skilled officers, the degrees were thoroughly done. The P. M.'s and members take an active interest in Masonry, and with a large surplus, one of the best halls in the district, and a genial and hard-working Secretary, the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Average attendance, 15; membership, 58; increase during the year, 5; but they have 17 twelve months in arrears, which is not very creditable.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: Visited February 4th, 1892. Initiation and passing was the work of the evening, and, although the W. M. and officers were newly installed, the degrees were conferred very correctly and satisfactorily. The floor work was excellent, and

all the officers were well up in the different parts. They have a fair lodge room, but a little more light would do no harm. With a Secretary who is above the average, and a handsome surplus, the lodge is one of the most prosperous in the district. Average attendance, about 25; increase during the year, 10; members twelve months in arrears, 10.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: Visited May 11th, 1892. The Past Masters in this lodge take an active interest in its welfare, and give all the advice necessary. There has been no work for some time, so that it is difficult to keep up that interest that formerly characterized this lodge. They have a very efficient Secretary and well posted officers, and with the dues a little more sharply looked after, it might be considered to be in a fairly prosperous condition. The three degrees can be worked by the officers, as they have instruction meetings to keep up the interest. I also visited this lodge on April 8th, 1892, when the M.W. the Grand Master favored the lodge with his instructive lecture. The average attendance is about 16; membership, 60; with 16 twelve months in arrears.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: Visited April 12th, 1892. This is one of the oldest lodges in the district, but it cannot boast of a great amount of prosperity just now. Out of a membership of 30 it has only 5 or 6 residing in the village, and those living at a distance not being sure of the meetings do not attend regularly, so that the regular meetings have not all been held. The installation of officers had to be postponed, and, on the occasion of my visit, the W.M. had to "hustle" around to get enough to open at half past nine. A good many of the old members have left and there are no new ones coming in, however, the W.M. and Secretary are making a special effort to get the lodge into better condition. They have, I understand, advanced sufficient money to pay their indebtedness, and have collected sufficient to nearly pay themselves back. It was so late when the lodge was opened the evening that I was there that I could only see the work of the opening and closing of the three degrees, which was fairly well done. The W.M. is an earnest worker, and if there is any possibility of getting this lodge on its feet again he will do it. Their average attendance has been about 9; membership, 30.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: Visited May 10th, 1892. This lodge has felt the dull times of late and has no work. The officers are well up in the different parts, and the W.M. can confer the three degrees fairly well. Opening and closing of the three degrees was the work of the evening, and was correctly done. On the 8th February, 1892, the M.W. the Grand Master gave his lecture in this lodge, at which I, with a large number of the members and visitors, had the pleasure of listening. Their average attendance is about 12, with a membership of 37, and there are 12 twelve months in arrears.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: Visited March 4th, 1892. The work of the evening was initiation and rising, and was well done by the W.M. and officers, and no fault could be found with the different parts. There is an earnest desire on the part of, not only the officers, but the members, to make this lodge as nearly perfect as possible, and the excellent Secretary keeps the dues sharply looked after, so that in proportion to its members it has a less number in arrears than any other lodge. Average attendance, 22; membership, 83; twelve months in arrears, 3.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough: Visited April 1st, 1892. Passing was the work for the evening and was fairly well done. The officers, however, were not long installed, and seemed nervous. The

W.M. will make a fine worker, and the lodge generally is fully up to all requirements. The utmost harmony exists with Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, and the greatest courtesy is shown to visitors. A large number of Past Masters take quite an interest in the work. Their average attendance is 25; membership, 63; with three twelve months in arrears.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope: Visited March 7th, 1892. The Past Masters attend fairly well. W.M., Bro. Garfat, and the other officers take pride in having their work so that it can be given without the least hesitation and very correctly, so much so, that I think there are no better workers in the district. They have had quite a number of initiations during the year, and having a fair surplus, well furnished room, and the most kindly feeling with Ontario Lodge, they are a credit to the Craft. Average attendance, 25; membership, 56; in arrears, 10.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: Visited Feb. 23rd, 1892. The Past Masters always on hand, and assist in the work if necessary. The W.M. was absent in England, so that I could not see his work. I was, however, informed that he could work the three degrees. The other officers were very correct in the different parts, and with W. Bro. Ray in the East, the work for the evening was well done. A room committee consisting of two worthy P.M.'s makes it very pleasant for visitors. Average attendance, 32; membership, 72, with 11 in arrears.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: Visited March 7th, 1892. The Past Masters attend regularly. Initiation and passing was the work for the evening. The W.M., Bro. Armstrong, is well skilled, and with the assistance of excellent officers the degrees were correctly conferred. W. Bros. Quinlan and J. Owens, of Ontario Lodge, and W. Bro. Garfat, of Hope, were present and assisted in the work. It gave me a great deal of pleasure to listen to three distinguished W.M.'s doing the work, and all so near perfect that it was difficult to know which was the best. Average attendance, 15; membership, 48, with 7 in arrears.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough: Visited April 1st, 1892. This lodge has probably the largest membership in the district, although their average attendance is about 24, which does not equal some others. A large number of the Past Masters attend regularly, so that there is no lack of assistance. Passing was the work of the evening, and was correctly done by the W.M. and officers. The large number of members and visitors probably accounted for the W.M.'s nervousness, as I have no doubt he could, although lately installed, earnestly and correctly confer the three degrees. The floor work was good and showed a desire to excel. The lodge room is very comfortable, and the walls are covered with portraits of the different Past Masters. Average attendance, 24; membership, 102, and 17 in arrears.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: Visited March 9th, 1892. I have written this lodge a number of times to send me a copy of their summons, but so far I have failed to see any of them. The average attendance at this lodge is small; about half the members live outside of the village, and with about 15 in arrears, the present or past officers cannot be congratulated on their efforts to advance the interests of the Craft. There being no work, the W.M. opened and closed the three degrees, which was fairly well done, but could easily be improved. The W.M. cannot confer the degrees, although he no doubt would make an effort to do so if he had any work. There is plenty of material to have a good lodge in this place, but so long as affairs are allowed to drift along in the indifferent manner as at present, without any effort to collect past dues, and everyone leaving some one else to do what is neces-

sary, the lodge will keep on the down grade. It is only a question of time before the warrant will have to be recalled. I have had no returns from this lodge. Their average attendance will be about 8, while their number in arrears will be about 15 or 18.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon : Visited October 16th, 1891. Raising was the degree for the evening, and was correctly conferred by the W.M., Bro. Stewart, who has a faculty of making the ceremony very impressive, and being assisted by well posted officers, the floor work was very satisfactory. A large number of the members live outside of the village, which serves some of them as an excuse for getting behind in their dues. The Past Masters attend fairly well, and they have a very good lodge room, and having had quite an addition to their membership, this lodge might be considered in a fully satisfactory condition. Average attendance, 14 ; membership, 46, with 13 in arrears.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa : Visited Feb. 23rd, 1892. The Past Masters attend regularly, and the work for the evening was passing, which was conferred by the W.M., Bro. Felt, who is an enthusiastic Mason and who is well posted in all the degrees. The floor work was very creditable, and showed that the officers have the interest of the Craft at heart. This lodge and Lebanon have a room jointly and work very harmoniously together. Their average attendance is 25 ; membership, 69, with 8 in arrears.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield : Visited December 1st, 1891. Election of officers and exemplifying the greater part of the third degree, and opening and closing in the three degrees, was the work for the evening, all of which showed that the W. M. and other officers were well skilled in their different parts. A decidedly efficient Secretary, who looks sharply after the dues, and a well appointed room, adds greatly to the prosperity of the lodge. Average attendance, 13 ; membership, 35 ; with only 3 in arrears.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono : Visited Dec. 15th, 1891. Conferring the second and third degrees was the work for the evening. The second degree was ably and correctly conferred by the principal officers of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, who were returning a visit of the Orono officers, they having conferred a similar degree at Bowmanville some time previous. The third degree was very satisfactorily conferred by the Orono officers, who showed a marked ability and correctness in the floor work. The dues are not as well collected as they should be, probably because they work on the idea that 12 months in arrears means 24 months. Their average attendance is 17 ; membership, 47 ; with 15 in arrears.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene : Visited April 15th, 1892. This lodge is, I think, one of the smallest in the district, and although having no work for some time, they are kept well posted in the degrees by P. M. Bro. McNeil. The third degree was exemplified and the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees on the night of my visit. No special fault could be found with any of the different parts, although the work of the subordinate officers could be improved. The majority of the members live outside of the village, but the meetings are regular and the interest in the Craft work is well kept up. The by-laws are old, and new ones should be printed. Average attendance, 11 ; membership, 25 ; with 3 in arrears.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee : Visited December 3, 1891. The election of officers and exemplifying of the second degree was the work for the evening. R. W. Bro. Miller informed me that the W. M. could confer the three degrees, and from what I could see the other officers

were fairly well up in their work. They have a very good lodge room and being in a good locality the prospects are fair. They have had no work for some time and quite a number have left the locality, therefore the lodge is not increasing. Average attendance, 11 ; membership, 25 ; with 3 in arrears.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road. Visited December 2, 1891. This lodge is practically dead. The W. M. cannot confer any of the degrees, and cannot even open or close without being prompted. The Senior Warden lives ten miles away, and Junior Warden and Treasurer four miles, and with only 5 members in the village it is difficult to get a meeting. I have had no summons for some months, and, with the exception of the occasion of the M. W. the Grand Master's visit, they have not had any meeting for some time. I gave the W. M. four months to get up the work and collect the back dues, but I think he cannot memorize the degrees, no matter how much he tried, and there being 17 members in arrears, I think they will have equally as much difficulty in collecting. I understand since I visited them that they have some of the dues collected and some of their debts paid. A new master has been elected, but I cannot see that there is any prospect of improvement. If the three or four brethren at Kirkfield would take sufficient interest in the matter, I would advise removing the lodge to that place. If not, I would advise that the charter be taken away. Average attendance, when they have a meeting, is 8 ; membership, 31 ; with 14 in arrears. The last Grand Lodge returns were sent in on June 24, 1891.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls : Visited March 11, 1892. This lodge does not work together with the harmony that at one time characterized it. There was no work for the evening, but the opening and closing of the three degrees was fairly well done. The W. M. is anxious to do his work well but has poor support. There seems to be some trouble with the members, and a difference of opinion outside of lodge work does not do masonry in this place any good. There seems to be a coldness in their meetings, with none of that fraternal feeling that I noticed in all other visits that I have paid in the district. A strong effort on the part of all the officers should be made to overcome their present difficulties. And as there is plenty of material to make this lodge a credit to the Craft, I hope that within a short time everything will be working satisfactorily again. Average attendance, 10 ; membership, 38 ; while there are ten in arrears.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton : Visited Dec. 15th, 1891. Although there were two candidates on the summons for passing, they did not turn up, so there was no work. The W. M. cannot confer the degrees, nor would he occupy the East, and could not even open the lodge. W. Bro. Dover, P. M., has the work well up, and seems to take the Master's place. The other officers are fair, and there is no reason why this lodge should be in its present condition. They have plenty of material, and, located in a good field, ought to be one of the best. It could be easily improved, if the members and officers would only change their method of doing business. Their room is very fair, but in order to reach it you have to take a round about way, which is not at all convenient. Average attendance, 15 ; membership, 47 ; with 12 in arrears.

Fidelity Lodge, under dispensation, Port Perry : Visited June 10th, 1892. This was their first meeting, and starts with fairly good prospects. The W. M., Bro. David, is well up in the different degrees, and has been at considerable trouble in getting the lodge successfully

started. The furniture, jewels, &c., of the former lodge have been purchased, and paid for by the charter members, they being personally liable for the amount. The officers and members seem decidedly in earnest, and I think the lodge will be a credit to the district. As yet, they have no home of their own, but are meeting in the Odd Fellow's Hall. They have, however, appointed a committee to procure a room, and expect in the course of two or three months to have everthing in good working order.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and members of the various lodges in this district for their fraternal kindness, their generous hospitality, and cordial welcome.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. MCKAY, D.D.G.M.,
Twelfth Masonic District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report of the condition of Masonry in the Thirteenth District, for the year ending June, 1892. My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. W. H. Smith, of Colborne Lodge, No. 91, as District Secretary, and W. Bro. the Rev. J. T. Dowling, of Colborne Lodge, No. 91, as District Chaplain, both of whom have rendered very valuable services to the Craft during the year. On accepting the position of D.D.G.M., I found the district peaceful, with the exception of Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville. I do not desire to enter into particulars leading to the want of harmony in this lodge, as papers have already been transmitted, giving every detail of the difficulty. Suffice it to say that the lodge suspended for two years one of its members for unmasonic conduct, which suspension on appeal was set aside, and the brethren of the lodge, believing that no real progress could be made while so unharmonious an element existed, decided by an almost unanimous vote to surrender the warrant. I was present at the meeting when the decision was arrived at, and entirely concurred in the opinion expressed by the brethren. It is no doubt for the interest of Masonry that this lodge is closed, as there seemed to be no chance that a strong lodge could ever again be established in Shannonville, but it is certainly to be deplored that a lodge should surrender its warrant under the circumstances attending the surrender of this one.

In this connection I would most respectfully recommend that the employing of legal men to carry on Masonic trials be discountenanced by Grand Lodge, as many disputes which might otherwise be amicably settled are kept abrewing, and very often placed beyond the reach of a settlement, because not proceeding to a trial would interfere with a pecuniary interest of some legal brethren. Moreover, in such cases the trials are carried on with that acrimonious feeling which is harmful to the fraternity.

During the year, death hath been in our midst. Eleven brethren have been called to the G.M. on High. Percy Lodge, No. 161, lost one of its oldest and respected P.M's., W. Bro. W. T. Wiggins; Madoc Lodge, No. 48, lost its W.M., W. Bro. E. Hill. I find the Secretaries of the different lodges very prompt in transmitting summonses and any in-

formation required. To their zeal and indefatigable exertions is due to a great extent the prosperous financial condition of the lodges. Words fail to express the high degree of excellence with which their work, with scarcely an exception, is performed.

On the 9th September, 1891, I had the honor to be appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of a new Methodist church in Myersburg.

VISITS.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in the district once, five twice, and one three times. In every visit that I paid I was received by the brethren in the fraternal manner which has ever characterized the lodges in this district. The lodges were usually well attended, and everything done to make my visits not only of profit to the brethren, but of pleasure to myself. I shall not soon forget the pleasant meetings I have had with my brethren during the year. The following lodges have sent in revisions to their by-laws, viz: St. John's, No. 17; Prince Edward, No. 18; Trent, No. 38; and Colborne, No. 91.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne: I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in November. There was no work to be done. The W.M., Bro. Cornwell, however, exemplified portions of the three degrees in a masterly manner. I have also visited this lodge twice since, when I had the pleasure of seeing the W.M., Bro. Rutherford, work all three degrees, and I can say he does his work second to none in the district. He is ably supported by his Wardens. The Secretary shows a most perfect set of books. The lodge is in a prosperous financial position, owning the hall in which they meet, which, with the furniture, is valued at \$2,000. It is a beautiful room, the walls being artistically and appropriately painted. The lower story is rented, which yields a fair revenue to the lodge. Insurance on hall and furniture, \$1,050; no liabilities.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford: This lodge, under the able management of its present W. M., Bro. John Macoun, M. D., is fast becoming one of the best lodges in the district. The brethren, with a spirit of enterprise which does them credit, have beautifully fitted up a new and commodious hall which is in every way worthy of their very prosperous town. The financial condition of their lodge is sound, and the prospects for the future are very bright. I visited the lodge at its regular meeting in November. There were a large number of members present, as well as visitors from Stirling Lodge, No. 69. The W. M. worked the three degrees; the work was done very well indeed.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton: I visited this lodge at its regular meeting in December. As this was election night nearly the whole time was taken up without much attention being paid to the work. A very large number of members were present. It gave me much pleasure to be accompanied on the occasion by W. Bro. A. Chard, of Sterling Lodge, No. 69. I also visited this lodge at its regular meeting in March, when I had the pleasure of seeing the first degree worked by W. Bro. D. J. Walker. I consider Bro. Walker one of the best workers in this or any other district. All his officers seem to be well skilled. The Secretary, Bro. Scott, showed a fine set of books. The lodge is in a first-rate financial condition. Its prospects for the future are of the brightest.

Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin: This is a small lodge, but at my visit, December 10th, nearly every member was present, and I found what pleased me very much, that not one member was over twelve

months in arrears for dues. The W.M., Bro. Henry Hudson, is a good worker. The place of meeting is not quite what it should be, but I was assured that the lodge contemplated making the room as soon as possible all that can be desired.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed : I visited this lodge on December 11th. There was a very good attendance of members. The financial prospects of this lodge are very good. The W.M., Bro. L. Tuttle, M.D., is a fair worker, only requiring a little more practice and close attention to detail. The Senior and Junior Wardens are well up in their work. The outlook for this lodge in the future seems to be very good.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth : I had the pleasure of conducting the installation and investiture in this lodge in December. A very large number of Masons were present from Colborne, Campbelford and Warkworth. I also visited the lodge again at its regular meeting in April. Too much cannot be said in favor of the fine work done in this lodge. The W.M., Bro. Tomlinson, assisted by his Wardens, can do the whole work of the three degrees without one mistake. This lodge owes a good deal of its present prosperity to the untiring zeal of its immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Israel Humphries. He was the W.M. of the lodge on its formation, and all through the period of its existence has been willing to sacrifice every other consideration for its benefit. May he long be spared to labor among them is, I believe, the prayer of every member.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton : I visited this lodge on December 29th and installed the officers. The attendance was very fair, though the night was unfavorable. This is the largest lodge in the district. After the installation, the W.M. closed the lodge in the three degrees. Work very well done by all the officers. Prospects of lodge good.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora : This lodge I visited on January 12th ; attendance good. Work very correctly performed by the W.M. and his officers. The books are well kept. The prospects of this lodge are bright.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford : On January 18th I visited this lodge and installed the officers. Attendance very small, as the night was stormy. The lodge has not been doing much for the past two or three years. The hall is one of the best furnished in the district, and the utmost harmony prevails. I again visited the lodge at its regular meeting in June, and am able to report that their period of depression seems to be at an end. They have had some work to do ; the attendance is improved, and the greatest zeal for the welfare of the lodge evinced by every member. The W.M., Bro. W. H. McKague, M.D., is a good worker. At this meeting he worked the second and third degrees to my entire satisfaction.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc : I visited this lodge on February 9th, and was received in a very courteous manner by the brethren, who did their utmost to make my visit a pleasant one. The lodge had lost about two months before their W.M. by death, but the W.M. elected in December, Bro. Watson, exemplified the work in a very correct manner. The attendance was large. This lodge has 91 members on its roll, being the fourth largest lodge in the district. Its prospects seem to be good, the only possible drawback being the large number of members in arrears for dues, the report showing 40 who are over 12 months in arrears. I strongly urged upon the Secretary of this lodge the necessity of making prompt collections, as the standing of a lodge depends at all times quite

as much upon its financial showing as the manner in which the work is performed.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton: I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 11th, accompanied by a number of brethren from Colborne. Attendance large. I could not judge of the work of the W.M., Bro. Wade, M.D., as he was called out professionally just after my arrival; however, the lodge is fortunate in having three or four P.M.'s who can do the work really well. The work of the other officers was good. Financial conditions very good, and prospects of the brightest.

Moira Lodge, No. 11; The Belleville Lodge, No. 123; Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville: I paid an official visit to these lodges on February 13th. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, also officially visited the lodges on the same evening, when a very large concourse of brethren from Belleville and the surrounding lodges spent a very profitable two hours in listening to the Grand Master's eloquent lecture on the "History of Freemasonry." All the Secretaries of the different lodges presented very correctly kept books. The financial standing of the lodges is good and the prospects bright. I also held a general lodge of instruction for the district, in Belleville, on June 29th. The first degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. W.C. Mikel and officers of Moira, Lodge, No. 11; the second degree by W. Bro. J. Fenn, W.M. of Eureka Lodge, No. 283. These two degrees were exemplified in a most creditable manner, being all that could be desired by the most critical. In the evening, a very large number were present to see the third degree given by W. Bro. T.H. Thornton, M.D., and officers of Consecration Lodge, No. 50. After completing the work of the degrees, the W. Bro. was very highly complimented on the manner in which the work was rendered. Special attention was paid to floor work, and everything done to make the meeting one of instruction to the officers who were present. Notice of this lodge of instruction was sent to all the lodges in the district, and ten of the lodges in the district were represented, also visiting brethren from Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and J.B. Hall Lodge, No. 145. It afforded me much pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. Turner, M.D., P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, at this meeting.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Sterling: I visited this lodge on Feb. 18th. No work. This lodge was at one time one of the strongest lodges in the district, but I am sorry to report it at the present time in a very weak condition financially, and making no progress whatever. This state of things seems mainly due to the fact of their being burdened with debt, resulting from a period of depression, which at times seems to overtake a great many of the lodges in the smaller places. The officers exemplified a portion of the three degrees, and are certainly well able to conduct the work in a proper manner.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto: Though this is the youngest lodge in the district, it is one of the best. Prospects very bright indeed. The W.M., W. Bro. Browne, is a perfect worker, and is ably supported by his Wardens and other officers. I have never heard the lecture in the first and second degrees delivered in a more impressive manner than in this lodge on my official visit on March 1st.

Lake Lodge, No 215, Ameliasburg: I visited this lodge on March 7th, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. Smeaton, P.D.D.G.M., and a large number of brethren from Belleville. Attendance was good. Prospects bright. The W.M. and officers do their work very well indeed, and I know of no lodge in the district where a G.L. officer will receive a more hearty welcome than here. The accommodation is second to none.

The lodge room is very neat and commodious, and has a very good refreshment room attached.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg : I visited this lodge twice. On my visit on April 12th, the first and second degrees were conferred. The work of this lodge is all that an inspecting officer could desire. A great deal of credit is due to R.W. Bro. R. J. Lightbourne, P.D.D.G.M., for the manner in which the work is done in this lodge. He has given a great deal of time in drilling the officers and seeing that each one of them is letter perfect. In this he has been ably seconded by the W.M. Bro. R. J. Craig, and certainly no more perfect lodge work could be done. The lodge is prosperous financially, and the outlook very bright.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon : This is a small lodge, but does very good work. Though its progress is rather slow, the material taken in seems to be of the right kind, the utmost care being exercised in the choice of members. The place of meeting is all that could be desired. The P.M., W. Bro. Thornton, M.D., and the W.M., Bro. Phillip, M.D., are both very enthusiastic Masons, and excellent workers. My visit was on March 11th.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington : This lodge has suffered a period of depression for a time, but there seems to be a somewhat better prospect ahead. The W.M., Bro. Spencer, is a very good worker indeed, and if work offered the officers of the lodge would be able to conduct it. I paid a visit to this lodge on May 10th, accompanied by W. Bros. Thornton and Philip, of Consecon Lodge, No. 50. Portions of the three degrees were exemplified to my entire satisfaction. This lodge owns a very fine hall, which they have built, and nearly completed paying for. In all my visits throughout the district I have pointed out to the brethren the true aims of the Craft, and while counselling them to be very particular as to those who were admitted to a participation of our privileges, I have in every case striven to impress upon their minds that when one is admitted he is a brother, and as such is entitled to receive at our hands the utmost consideration, and that if he has any foibles we should cast over them the broad mantle of a Mason's charity and in every way strive to elevate and ennoble his character.

In conclusion, I beg to extend my warmest thanks to the brethren throughout the district, for the very kind and courteous manner in which I have been at all times received by them. My thanks are especially due to R.W. Bros. Wm. Smeaton, and P. J. Lightbourne, P.D.D.G.M.'s, for kindly and opportune assistance and advice. The remembrance of their kindness will always be to me one of the brightest recollections of the year. I now surrender the Gavel of office to my successor, and in doing so I can thankfully say that the utmost harmony prevails from one end of the district to the other. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

G. E. R. WILSON, D.D.G.M.,

Thirteenth Masonic District.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

At the formation of this district in 1886 it consisted of eighteen lodges, with a membership of 915, or an average of over 50 to each lodge. At

present it consists of 13 lodges, with a membership of 817, or an average of over 62. The decrease in the number of lodges has been caused by lodges numbers 189 at Adolphustown, 363 at Cataraqui, and 342 at Wolfe Island, surrendering their warrants, and by the amalgamation with other lodges of numbers 280 at Napanee and 340 at Pittsburg, all of which is now generally conceded were in the best interest of Masonry in the district. There are still some few lodges which are located too near each other for successful work, but they have been so long established, and the brethren are so strongly attached to them, that much further change in this respect is not practicable. Experience in this district teaches that the easier and better mode of disposing of a weak lodge is to amalgamate it with the nearest lodge rather than withdraw the warrant, as in the latter instance the brethren are deprived of their Masonic home, and do not readily find their way into another. Particularly is this the case with the brethren of Filius Viduae, of Adolphustown, and Hiram, of Wolfe Island. It should, however, be noted here that the brethren of Hiram Lodge were promised certificates of standing from the Grand Lodge, which have not yet been forwarded to them, and upon this being done, as it should at once, they will probably join with Elysian Lodge, to the great benefit both of it and themselves. The decrease of the active membership of the Craft in the district to the extent of one hundred since its formation is not encouraging, and can be attributed in part to the mushroom growth in the district of an innumerable number of fraternal organizations which has probably, temporarily only, exerted an influence on the membership of the Craft; and in part to the depression of a financial character, which has made itself felt especially strongly in this locality. The largest increase of membership during the year is found in No. 3, Kingston, and No. 404, Tamworth, which latter lodge is to be congratulated upon the advance made, attesting as it does the popularity and faithful work of its officers. Albion, No. 109, appears to have been wholly inactive, while Prince of Wales, No. 146, has unfortunately lost five of its members, with no accessions to fill their vacant seats. A perusal of their monthly summons, and an intimate knowledge of their private business, discloses, however, that this is in a measure due to the fact that the lodge has remembered to guard well its portals.

Having been asked during the year by the Grand Master for an opinion upon the size and extent of the district, your D.D.G.M., after due consideration, is of the belief that it would be improved and the surrounding districts equalized by the addition to this district of Craig Lodge, No. 401, at Deseronto, from the west, and Lansdowne, No. 387; Harmony Lodge, Delta, No. 370, and Rising Sun, No. 85, Athens, from the east; all of which are passed by the D.D.G.M. when paying an official visit to No. 157 at Newboro'. This change would leave the districts as follows: No. 13 district, 19 lodges, with about 1,200 members; No. 14 district, 18 lodges, with about 1,000 members; No. 15 district, 19 lodges, with about 1,000 members. The division would more equally cover the territory among the three districts, and would occasion very little more travelling for the D.D.G.M. of this district.

During the Masonic year all the lodges in the district have received one official visit from the D.D.G.M., eight have received two, and a few three visits or more, and after careful deliberation of the matter it may be said that Masonry is advancing in the district, if not in point of members, at least in the character of the work displayed in the lodges by the Masters and other officers. The officers of all the lodges in the district, with perhaps one exception, can open and close and confer the

work in each of the three degrees, and of the work which has been seen by the D.D.G.M. the greater portion was well and accurately executed, according to the recognized ritual of Grand Lodge; the work as a whole of the officers of Minden Lodge, No. 253, and Leeds, No. 201, being deserving of special mention.

Dispensations have been granted by the D.D.G.M. during the year to attend divine service, clothed as Masons, to Union, No. 9; Simpson No. 157 (twice); and Victoria, No. 299; the service at Napanee, conducted by R.W. Bro. Craig, P.G.C., which was largely attended by the members of the Craft throughout this and the thirteenth district, was a landmark of the Masonic year.

The by-laws of Cataragui, No. 92; Leeds, No. 201; and Lorne, No. 404; and amendments to by-laws of Union, No. 9, and Minden, No. 253, have during the year been submitted by the D.D.G.M. for the approval of the Grand Master, which has in each case been granted.

The M.W. the Grand Master has, during the year, paid four official visits to the district, giving the members of the Craft in Harrowsmith, Kingston, Napanee and Gananoque the opportunity of listening to his words of kindly cheer and strong encouragement, and his eloquent lecture on Craft Masonry.

The following deaths have been reported to me from lodges in the district, and it is my sad duty here to register the call to the Grand Lodge above of Bros. John Trowell, Francis Ellington, and W. Bro. William Carter, of No. 3; Bros. Archibald Culbertson and Alexander Craig, of No. 9; Bros. John Irvine, Alfred Ayerst, Edward Thornton, and Samuel Augrove, of No. 92; Bro. James Robinson, of No. 201; and Bros. Isaac Newlands, James Greenfield, Sen., and J. L. Weissert, of No. 253. Let their memory be kept green, their virtues, not their vices, be recalled.

Owing to the late date at which the committee upon the ritual presented their report it was not deemed advisable to hold a lodge of instruction in this district until some time next fall, and this duty is with unmixed feeling of pleasure handed over along with the gavel of office to the writer's successor.

The attention of Grand Lodge should be called to the large amount (\$930.75) of dues which are allowed to remain in arrears and unpaid, as this is certainly a great source of weakness to the lodges both financially and in the lack of interest shown by members. They have certainly a greater interest in the work of the lodge after they have paid their small quota towards its support and maintenance. The lodges at Gananoque and Newboro' seem specially careless in this respect.

The great majority of the lodges in the district have followed the recommendation of the Grand Lodge and placed an insurance upon their property, but a perusal of the attached statement will show that a few of the lodges have not yet taken this necessary precaution. Should the brethren at Harrowsmith and Garden Island meet with a loss by fire they cannot expect much sympathy from the Craft at large. The information furnished by the W. M.'s show that the lodges have dispensed in benevolence during the year about \$500, a fairly creditable showing but one which might, with very little effort by the Craft, be doubled, and the brethren thereby feel the more that charity is indeed twice blessed. I am advised that all the lodges but one are clear upon the books of Grand Lodge, and the officers of this lodge referred to informed me that it is their intention and hope to place themselves in good standing before the meeting of Grand Lodge. A full account of the work done in the several lodges, as well as a record of their membership

and other particulars connected with their year's work being contained in the tabulated statement furnished with this report, it is not deemed advisable or necessary to further enlarge thereon except as to four lodges: Nos. 201, 228, 299, and 340, which from the report of past D. D. G. M.'s, or from other causes, call for the special report hereinafter contained. Nos. 201 and 340 now amalgamated as No. 201.

I visited the lodge room of St. John's Lodge, Pittsburgh, upon the evening of their regular meeting, October 14th, 1891, and after vainly endeavoring to effect an entrance returned to Kingston with the city brethren who accompanied me. The opinion expressed in the reports of my predecessors in office were heartily concurred in by me, and after a perusal of their books, I at once set to work to accomplish an amalgamation with No. 201 at Gananoque, which, after a large amount of correspondence, was happily effected, with the approval of the Grand Master, and on the nineteenth day of January, 1892, at Gananoque, in the presence of a large attendance of the members of both lodges, I had the pleasure of amalgamating the two lodges under the name of Leeds Lodge, No. 201, located at Gananoque, the warrant of No. 340 being delivered to me by the Master, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The brethren here, I am sure, decided that the union was for the best interests of the Craft and the benefit of both lodges. I am convinced that the inert condition of No. 340 was not caused by the lack of interest in Masonry of its members, but chiefly from the fact that the lodge was situated in an open field remote from any village and and too near the lodges at Kingston and Gananoque.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: A perusal of the reports of past D.D.G.M.'s of this district will show that this lodge had not for some years been in a flourishing condition, and it was my intention when I assumed office to attempt an amalgamation with Prince of Wales at Newburgh which had been seriously affected by its formation. For this purpose I visited the lodge on the 17th September last, when, although the brethren had not been notified of my visit, there were 15 present, and I saw the officers of the lodge confer the first degree in a manner creditable to any lodge. The brethren seemed anxious to retain their warrant, and agreed to at once find a suitable hall which they could occupy alone. I visited the lodge again on December 10th, when the officers conducted the ceremony of raising, the work of the Master, Dr. Carscallen, being done in a very efficient manner. The brethren at this meeting decided to erect a new hall and their enthusiasm augured well for the success of the undertaking. The Secretary is a most painstaking and efficient officer, and by his energy in collecting arrears of dues has done much to give the lodge its present standing. On the 24th of June, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bros. Longmore and Stratton, V. W. Bros. Walters, Hinch, Ellis, A. P. Booth and Aylesworth, and a number of the Past Masters of the sister lodges of the district, I had the honor of dedicating their new hall according to the ceremonial furnished me by the Grand Master. The lodge is at present nearly out of debt, has a nice, tasty, \$400 hall, is in a healthy state, with four new applications, and will with the present feeling continue prosperous for some time; but it is so closely situated between Tamworth and Newburgh that its membership, while it may consist of enthusiastic Masons, and form a well worked lodge, can never be very large in point of numbers.

Prince Arthur, No. 228, Odessa: The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s have for some years been that this lodge was not in a flourishing condition, it having been charged in the report of 1890 that quarrels of a political

nature had marred the harmony. I visited the lodge on the 21st Dec., '91, which was the night of its election of officers. Twelve members were present and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner with which I could find no fault, the junior offices being, however, nearly all filled temporarily. All the members present, being of both sides of politics, stated in open lodge that quarrels of a political nature had not been allowed to enter the lodge, and wished me to report this fact to Grand Lodge, which I here do, in compliance with their request. I am advised that Past Masters from Bath and Kingston have done their work for some time. This lodge was, at date of my visit, in arrears to Grand Lodge to quite an extent; the brethren promised to raise the amount at once. The lodge is certainly not in a prosperous state and will require the attention of the next D.D.G.M. I am of the opinion that some portion of the unrest is due to hesitation of the members to do anything while their existence is so precarious. If Grand Lodge intends to take away their warrant, as suggested in former reports, it should be done at once or the brethren should be assured that there is no such intention and that they are at liberty to do their best to improve their condition, with the added confidence given by the knowledge that the sympathy and assistance of Grand Lodge is with them. I am convinced that there is material both in this lodge and out of it, in its jurisdiction, to make it as good as any country lodge in the district, if the brethren would put forth their best energy in the matter. I regret to learn that they have given a sub-lease of their hall to a body not connected with Masonry. Good financial standing should not be attained at the expense of principle. This lodge may be classed among the weak lodges which have a chance of success, as I believe a large portion of the membership of No. 228 are genuine first-class Masons, anxious for the prosperity of their mother lodge, and should not lightly be deprived of their Masonic home. I would suggest that the incoming D.D.G.M. should be given a special authority from Grand Lodge to deal with this matter, and I am sure if he gives the matter his attention he will meet with the assistance and support of the larger portion of the lodge. The lodge is certainly situated too near its sister lodges to attain any strength in point of new members, but an improvement could certainly be made upon their present condition.

In conclusion, I may say the work of the Worshipful Masters and officers throughout the entire district is in very close accord with the ritual of Grand Lodge and attests the good work of the Past D.D.G.M's, and the increasing interest of the officers of the Craft. I do not feel it incumbent upon me, nor do I feel equal to the task of giving the brethren lectures in elocution and oratory, but I think if more attention were paid to this particular by the officers of some of the lodges, it would manifest itself in a decided improvement in the character of the work done. I think it is due to the Junior Wardens of No. 201, and of No. 119, that I should compliment them upon the very impressive and perfect manner in which they delivered, in my presence, the lecture of the first degree.

Let me thank the brethren of the district for the very kind and hospitable reception, which, without exception, was accorded me while on my official visits, and also my Secretary, Bro. T. D. Prunyn, for his assistance during the year.

I have the honor to remain,

Obediently and fraternally yours,

S. C. WARNER, D.D.G.M.

Fourteenth Masonic District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M.W. SIR, AND DEAR BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, this my annual report on the Condition of Masonry in District No. 15, comprising 22 lodges.

I have visited all the lodges in my district once. Before commencing my official visits, I issued the following circular to each of the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, informing them of the date I would visit them :—

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A.M., IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

Morrisburg, April 12th, 1892.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—

It is my intention to pay your lodge an official visit on ———, as per circular herewith enclosed. You will therefore kindly cause the brethren to be assembled at the lodge room on the evening above mentioned at seven o'clock sharp. I sincerely trust you will make every effort to have all the members of your lodge present on that occasion. I will expect you to open and close in the three degrees and exemplify one of them ; after which, should there be any time at my disposal, I will lecture on the "Origin of Masonry."

Please see that the Secretary and Treasurer have their books ready and convenient for inspection upon my arrival.

I desire to be admitted immediately after the lodge is open, and before reading the minutes.

I request that no unnecessary expense be incurred on my account as regards festivities. I would rather the funds be devoted to charitable purposes.

According to an intimation from the M.W., the Grand Master, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, that he has found different rulings by different D.D.G.M.'s, throughout the various districts, he has, in order to avoid conflict of opinion, and preserve uniformity, requested me to send him a list of all questions put to me by the W.M.'s of my district, before a final ruling is given ; therefore I request that all such be handed to me in writing during my official visit or term of office, and they will be answered in due time, to all the W.M.'s in my district.

It has been suggested by the Board of General Purposes that each lodge contribute five dollars towards paying the D.D.G.M.'s expenses. However, I would respectfully refer you to Section 178 of the Grand Lodge Constitution.

Please forward me by return mail, an acknowledgment of this circular, stating that you will put forth the necessary effort to secure a full attendance, as I am particularly anxious to meet every brother in my district.

Yours fraternally,

S. B. FELL, D.D.G.M.

This course proved to be very satisfactory, as all of the lodges held meetings in accordance therewith. When time would permit, I delivered a lecture on "The Origin of Masonry," which appeared to meet with

general favor, and to greatly interest these who had not the time at their disposal to acquire a knowledge of the Ancient history of Craft Masonry. I called special attention to the necessity of strictly complying with the regulations relating to Benevolence, as well as the necessity of sending in the annual reports regarding the condition of Masonry, immediately after the 24th of June. I made every effort to establish uniformity in work, and in the arrangement of furniture, as a few errors had crept into some of the lodges, but these were not grave ones. The brethren always appeared pleased to have the corrections made, and the irregularities pointed out. The lodges throughout present a neat, attractive and comfortable appearance, and the general tone of the Craft is gradually improving, except in a very few of the lodges. My travelling expenses have been cheerfully borne by all of the lodges except two, and this omission, I presume, was through inadvertence. The W.M., the Grand Master, has visited ten lodges in my district this year, and was on all occasions received with great enthusiasm by the large numbers of brethren who assembled to do him honor, and to hear from the head of the Craft, the valuable truths inculcated by him.

I found, in some of the lodges, members who were in arrears for dues to quite a large amount, and advised the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries to take immediate action to either collect the several amounts or put the law in force regarding non-payment of dues, calling their attention to Sections 61 to 65 of Appendix A. of Grand Lodge Constitution. At the same time I showed them that, if this evil were permitted to continue, nothing but loss and disaster would result. In all, I have granted six dispensations for attending divine service, and have forwarded the fees for same to the Grand Secretary. By special dispensation I have healed one brother, through the kindness of R.W. Bro. A. L. Riddell, P.D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence District, and have reported the same to the Grand Secretary, enclosing the fee. Before I report on each lodge separately, I desire to state that I feel especial pride in being able to report that peace, love and harmony prevail throughout the whole of the St. Lawrence District. I have not had one complaint of grievance during the whole of my official year. Upon accepting the responsible office of D.D.G.M., one of my first acts was to appoint Bro. G. H. S. Kennedy, District Secretary, which position he has filled to my entire satisfaction, and to him I desire now to tender my sincere thanks.

The accompanying table shows the condition of the lodges, and the work performed from June 24th, 1891, to June 24th, 1892. As that table exhibits in detail the work done during the year, and the standing of the lodges, the following remarks regarding my official visits, and the state in which I found the lodges, I will make very brief.

Sussex Lodge, No 5, Brockville: I visited Thursday evening, May 12th. There were 26 present, among whom I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. W. J. Simpson, P.G.J.W.; R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. A. L. Riddell, P.D.D.G.M.; V.W. Bro. J. Quigg, P.G.S., and V.W. Bro. N. B. Colcock, G. Pur. The lodge room is very neatly and comfortably furnished throughout, and the books are kept in such a manner as to reflect great credit upon the Secretary and Treasurer. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees were exemplified, and the first degree conferred upon a candidate in a most creditable manner. Each of the officers filled their respective positions with marked ability. Masonry here appears to be in a most flourishing condition, and the prospects are very encouraging.

True Britons' Lodge, No. 14, Perth: I visited Wednesday evening,

May 4th. There were present 22, among whom was R.W. Bro. W. J. Morris, P.D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence District. The lodge room is well finished and furnished, and I was pleased to see so many portraits of prominent Masons decorating the walls, as well as ancient charts and relics of Masonry. The books I found to be well kept. The first degree was conferred, and the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, all of which were very satisfactorily performed. The prospects for this lodge are very good. The pleasant time spent with the members of True Briton Lodge, particularly R.W. Bro. W. J. Morris, will long be remembered.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: I visited Thursday evening, May 3rd. There were 26 in attendance. The lodge room is very well furnished, and the books are in good condition. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the second degree was conferred. The officers have a good knowledge of the work, and the prospects are bright.

Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: I visited Friday evening, May 6th. There were present 22, among whom was V.W. Bro. O. Bascom, P.G.S. The lodge room is well furnished, and the books are kept in accordance with regulations. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the first degree was conferred, the officers acquitting themselves creditably. The prospects are very good.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: I visited Thursday evening, May 5th; 14 were present. The lodge room is rather small and fairly furnished. The books are not up to the standard, but I pointed out the deficiencies, and the Secretary promised to follow more closely the rules laid down by the Grand Lodge. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the officers are fairly well up in the work. There are some signs of prosperity here.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, Maitland: I visited Friday evening, May 20th. Eight were present, among whom I was pleased to meet V.W. Bro. N. B. Colcock, G.P., who occupied the Senior Warden's chair. The small attendance was due, no doubt, to the inclement state of the weather. It was my intention to revisit this lodge on the evening of its next regular meeting, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented me. The lodge room had recently undergone a course of repairs and had been put in better condition. The books are well kept. This being one of the oldest lodges in the district, and showing marks of past prosperity and relics of many higher degrees, I suggested that the officers and members take more interest in the work and endeavor to keep pace with its excellent record of the past.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens: I visited Wednesday evening, May 18th. Thirty were present. The lodge room still retains its old position in the attic of a hotel. I suggested that a more suitable place be chosen. The books are in good condition. The opening and closing ceremonies were fairly well performed. Some young material had been recently admitted, and I have every hope of their taking a deeper interest in Craft Masonry, and finally placing this lodge in a more flourishing condition.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott: I visited Monday evening, May 2nd. There were twenty present, among whom I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. B. D. Bragden, P.D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence District in the State of New York. The lodge room is large and well furnished throughout, and the books are in first-class condition. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the third degree was conferred, and the officers acquitted themselves very creditably.

Masonry here is flourishing, and there is every indication of an excellent future.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: I visited Wednesday evening, April 27th. Fifteen were present, among whom was R.W. Bro. A. F. Milliken, P.D.D.G.M. The lodge room is large and well furnished. The books are kept in good order. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the several degrees showed that the officers were well up in the work. Masonry here is in a peaceful condition, and the prospects are fair.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: I visited Friday evening, April 8th. There were twenty-seven present. The lodge room is rather small, but well and comfortably furnished. The books are kept in first-class condition, and the officers have a very good knowledge of the work. I had great pleasure in meeting our venerable R.W. Bro. Daniel Marcellus, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 258, Louisville, Kentucky. I have to thank the Worshipful Master of this lodge for courtesies extended me while visiting neighboring lodges.

Friendly Brother's Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited Friday evening, April 29th. There were thirty-one present. The lodge room is small, with low ceiling, but is well papered and rather comfortably furnished. The books are kept in first-class condition. The third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. This lodge has greatly improved during the past year, and the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited Monday evening, April 25th. There were nineteen present. I recommended that the lodge room be better furnished. The brethren intend to put in a new carpet and make other improvements. New books have been recently purchased, and the accounts are being transferred, and will in a short time be in a better condition. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the second degree was conferred. The officers have a good knowledge of the work. This lodge may be considered quite healthy; the prospects are bright.

Macy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown: Visited Tuesday evening, May 10th. Twenty were present. The lodge room is a very fine one, well furnished, and is owned by the members, but having on it a debt of \$600. The books are well kept, and the dues appear to have been collected to date. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees was well performed by the Worshipful Master, but some of the other officers were not as well posted as they should have been. However, they accepted the corrections cheerfully. This lodge seems to be made up of substantial men, and is in good condition, although no new material has been admitted lately.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Farran's Point: Visited Friday evening, April 22nd. There were twenty-six present. The building in which this lodge is held is owned by the members, but burdened with a debt of \$400. The lodge room is well and comfortably furnished. The books are kept in good order. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and all of the officers are well posted in the work. The members in this lodge are very enthusiastic, and it is expected in a short time the debt will be lifted.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Visited on Wednesday evening, April 20th. Thirteen were present. The lodge room is not in as good condition as might be expected in so thriving a village as Chesterville. A small amount expended would make this room attractive, and have a tendency to retain the membership and encourage a

better attendance. The books are carefully and correctly kept by a painstaking Secretary. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the work was fairly well done. The membership is composed of a good class of men, and the prospects for an increase are quite encouraging.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: Visited Thursday evening, May 12th. There were twenty-six present, among whom I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. W. J. Simpson, P.G.J.W.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. A. L. Riddell, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. N. B. Cplcock, G.P., and V.W. Bro. J. Quigg, P.G.S. The lodge room is very neatly and comfortably furnished throughout, and the books are kept in such a manner as to reflect great credit upon the Secretary and Treasurer. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees were exemplified, and the first degree conferred upon a candidate in a most creditable manner. Each of the officers filled their respective positions with marked ability. There is quite a large amount of uncollected dues outstanding, but I have no doubt they will be gathered in shortly. Masonry here appears to be in a most flourishing condition, and the prospects are very encouraging.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: Visited Tuesday evening, May 17th. Twenty-two were present. The lodge room is nicely painted and decorated and well furnished. The books are very well kept. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and the third degree was conferred. The work was done very well. A little more attention given on the part of the officers would place this lodge in first-class working order. The membership is composed of representative men, who take great interest in Craft Masonry, and the lodge may be considered in a healthy condition.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: Visited Thursday evening, April 21st. There were eight present. Doubtless the inclement state of the weather prevented a large attendance. The lodge room is sufficiently large, but sparingly furnished, and the ante-room is too small. Some of the members were in arrears for dues to quite an extent, and no interest appears to be taken in Craft Masonry here. Some course should be taken to awaken them out of this stupor, to secure better interest in the work, and to put their lodge room and books in better shape. If this can be accomplished, there will be prospects of an increase in the membership.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne: Visited Monday evening, May 9th. Twelve were present. The lodge room is such as will not add much dignity to the Craft. It is too small, and there is a great scarcity of furniture. There are not sufficient books. I recommended them to procure a more suitable hall and put it in better condition, to purchase an entire new set of books, and transfer all records and accounts now in their possession. This they promised to do. The third degree was conferred in a very fair manner. I hope the laying of the corner stone of St. Luke's church at Ballaghknow recently will tend to greatly improve this lodge.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta: Visited Thursday evening, May 19th. There were 24 present. This lodge room is owned by the members and quite well furnished. The books are very satisfactorily kept. The work of opening and closing in the three degrees was very well done, with the exception of a few errors which I corrected. The lodge appears to be in a state of prosperity.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn: Visited Wednesday evening, May 11th; 13 were present. The lodge room is well furnished, and I was pleased

to see several well executed portraits decorating the walls, which added considerably to the cheerfulness of the room. The books I found to be quite satisfactory. The third degree was conferred in a very impressive and correct manner. The officers are well up in their work, and the lodge is well conducted.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: Visited Tuesday evening, April 26th. There were 16 present. The lodge room is new and not quite completed, but the members assured me they would soon have it finished, and furnished in a more suitable and attractive manner. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees was exemplified creditably. The want of harmony, which appeared to prevent the prosperity of the lodge heretofore, has finally subsided, and peace and love now prevail. The lodge is consequently doing better, and has a bright outlook.

Upon a careful examination of the accompanying table it will be readily seen that the reports are not uniform, nor do some of the figures appear consistent when compared with last year's returns. These errors are no doubt due to the lack of explicitness. It seems to be the desire of Grand Lodge to procure a complete statement showing the financial standing, the donations towards benevolence, etc., of each lodge. With this object in view I would respectfully suggest that a more explicit blank form be furnished the D.D.G.M.'s, making the following additions, viz.:

Ascertaining the total assets and liabilities; the total membership as per previous year's reports, as well as the total number of present members; changing "total of all arrearages" to "total amount of all arrearages"; adding to insurance, "if any, what amount"; and ascertaining the amount donated for benevolence by individual members, the subordinate lodge and Grand Lodge, each separately.

The membership has increased during the year in this district 21 (net), but notwithstanding the low figure, I consider the district to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

In conclusion, I desire to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of St. Lawrence District, No. 15, for the very kind and courteous manner in which they have always received me when visiting them in my official capacity and on all other occasions.

The position confided to me twelve months ago I now vacate, deeming it sufficient honor to have served in so responsible an office for one term. During that period I have devoted as much time and attention as possible to the duties required of me. The many abiding friendships which my visits have formed and perfected will ever render the memory of the year most pleasant.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. B. FELL, D.D.G.M.,

Morrisburgh, July 5th, 1892.

Fifteenth Masonic District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—

According to requirements I submit, herewith, my report on the condition of Masonry in the Sixteenth or Ottawa Masonic District.

Having been honored by Grand Lodge with the position of D.D.G.M., while I was W.M. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, G.R.C., it necessitated my vacating the latter office. The lodges in the district had

been so recently visited by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. H. Bothwell, I considered it would be merely following his footsteps for me to visit in the early part of the year. Instead, I placed myself in communication with all the W. M.'s, and afterwards visited every lodge in the district some several times, as time and circumstances permitted. Masonry in this district is in a prosperous condition, excepting in the cases of Plantaganet and Evergreen Lodges. Madawaska Lodge, which was almost dormant for some time, has again awakened, and under the present W. M., W. Bro. Hood, is now on the road to prosperity. In a certain degree this may be attributed to the M. W. Grand Master's visit to this lodge last February. It was my intention to hold a lodge of instruction, but the lateness of new work prevented this. I am glad to say that all the lodges are working according to requirements of Grand Lodge and the W. M.'s are able to confer degrees.

Probably the most noteworthy event during the Masonic year was on the occasion of M. W. the Grand Master's visit to Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa, on 17th of March. The brethren of the other six city lodges heartily co-operated in making this meeting well worthy of the Masonic fraternity of the Dominion capital, the Masonic Hall being so crowded that it was difficult to find standing room. After the Grand Master's lecture, the brethren adjourned to St. James' Hall, where a first-class repast had been provided by the members of the Craft, under the management of Bro. S. Simms. J. W. of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371. W. Bro. Wm. Campbell, W. M. Civil Service Lodge, presided, the vice chair being occupied by W. Bros. Geo. May, R. W. Stephens, Fred Cook, B. W. Granger, W. D. Jones and Chas. Close, W. M.'s of city lodges. The Chairman was accompanied on the platform by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M.; M. W. Bro. John Yeo, M. P., P. G. M., of P. E. Island; myself; R. W. Bro. James Sutherland, M. P., G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. Le F. A. Maingy, G. J. W.; R. W. Bros. Wm. Gibson, M. P., Wm. Rea, Dr. C. R. Church, Wm. R. White, David Taylor, E. B. Butterworth and J. P. Featherstone, P. D. D. G. M.'s; R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan, P. G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. John Walsh, P. G. J. W.; R. W. Bros. D. C. Fraser, M. P., and F. B. Flint, M. P., P. D. D. G. M.'s, Nova Scotia; R. W. Bros. W. W. H. Garrioch and D. Macfarlane, P. D. D. G. M.'s, G. R. Q.; W. Bros. Hon. Senator J. H. Gowan, Dr. Shaw, Mayor Carpenter, M. P.; V. W. Bro. Klock; Bro. R. Watson, M. P., Manitoba; Bro. Forbes, M. P., Nova Scotia, and Sir James A. Grant. Among the 250 others were many distinguished brethren. The speeches of the M. W. Grand Master and others were most interesting, instructive and humorous, and altogether the gathering was one long to be remembered by the Ottawa brethren.

The only matter that seems to mar the harmony of the Ottawa city brethren at present is a misunderstanding between the Library and Hall Committees as to the occupancy of a room or rooms for a Masonic library. I trust that the brethren, at an early date, will be able to settle their differences amicably, so that the lodges in the city may be able to go on and work with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons.

In one or two cases lately, where candidates have been rejected, they have become acquainted with the ballot, and having learned this, I have taken the opportunity to strongly denounce such gross violation of Masonic duty.

On the occasion of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, I had the honor of installing the officers of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; Doric

Lodge, No. 58; Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, and Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, and on 21st of June, Fidelity Lodge, No. 231.

I have been informed of the following deaths during the year : R. G. Croskery, W. M. Nipissing Lodge, No. 420; L. P. Manhard, W. M. Goodwood Lodge, No. 159; W. Bro. Mackie Barr, Renfrew Lodge, No. 122; W. Bro. John Smith and Ira Morgan, M. M., Doric Lodge, No. 58; Bro. John Oliver, Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264; Bros. Jos. Stewart and J. L. Curtain, St. John's Lodge, No. 63; Bros. Sam. Ridout, Edward Storm and Wm. S. Brown, Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, and Bro. J. Adamson, Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.

As a member of the Committee appointed on R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson's motion, that Districts 9 and 16 be divided, and that a new district be formed, I wish to state : As it is proposed to take off from No. 16, Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, and Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, I have taken an opportunity of ascertaining the views of the brethren, and especially the two lodges directly affected, and the almost unanimous opinion is too strongly opposed to any such proposition. This district is, no doubt, large in territory, covering 300 miles in length, and I have had to travel some 2,200 miles during the year on my visitations; nevertheless, both Mattawa and North Bay can be reached more easily by a D. D. G. M. of the Ottawa District than from any other district in our jurisdiction, and it is hoped Grand Lodge will give due consideration to the wishes of the brethren of the Ottawa District.

Nipissing Lodge, N. 420, North Bay: I had the pleasure of R. W. Bro. D. Taylor's company when visiting this lodge on 12th May. The attendance of members is good. During the year the lodge has been bereaved by death of Bro. R. G. Croskerry, W. M. He had been for some months in the hospital at Ottawa, and during his sickness was almost daily visited by the brethren; he was buried at Perth, with Masonic honors, on 7th April. W. Bro. A. R. Morris has been elected W. M. for the balance of the term, and I am sure under him this lodge will continue to be (as in the past) prosperous. The standing financially is good. The night I visited, a communication was read from Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, protesting against the initiation of a Mr. Guthrie, who they claimed was a resident of their jurisdiction. As Nickel Lodge has only been working under dispensation since 25th Nov. last, and as Mr. Guthrie's application was in the hands of the Secretary of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, with usual fee, on 15th October previous (although he was not ballotted for and accepted until the December meeting), my opinion being asked, I gave it that as Mr. Guthrie's application was in the hands of Nipissing Lodge previous to 25th November, and as he had been ballotted for and accepted, they would be justified in initiating him. I regret to find a misunderstanding exists as to the ownership of a building where meetings are held, and advised that a night be set apart to try and adjust matters amicably. Through this difficulty the building is not insured, but lodge furniture, etc., covered.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge, 13th April, and assisting the M. W. Grand Master in consecrating their new lodge-room. The work in the first degree was well done by W. Bro. DeSousa and his officers, time not permitting of a third. After the consecration the brethren (of whom many came from a distance) listened with attention for nearly two hours to an address by the M. W. Grand Master, on the History of Craft Masonry. The lodge-room is well furnished, and the brethren have spared no expense to make it all that can be desired for Masonic purposes. The brethren were hospitably entertained at a banquet after lodge meeting, and in the

evening a ball was given, at which many of the leading citizens of Mat-tawa and surroundings were present. This lodge has held nineteen meetings during the year, and has had plenty of work. The financial position and prospects are good; have paid \$78.10 for relief. Like many other lodges, the arrearages are much larger than they ought to be. I consider this one of the best lodges in the district.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: Circumstances prevented my visiting this lodge until 2nd June, and on that occasion (although we had a fair attendance), expected more brethren to meet in a lodge of 83 members. The W.M.'s work was well done, but some of the other officers seemed to go along in a very careless and indifferent manner, and I was compelled to single out one of them for admonition; the fraternal rebuke, I trust, will be beneficial to all members, although a very unpleasant duty for a D.D.G.M. This lodge seems to be working well, and financially is in a good state, still the amount of arrears of dues is far too large, and I am glad to know that the present W.M., being alive to this fact, has had summoned and suspended no less than 12 members for N. P. of D. The prospects are good, and I have no doubt that W. Bro. Kenning, with the assistance of R.W. Bros. White and Burritt, will strive to keep Pembroke Lodge in that foremost position which it has held in the past.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I visited this lodge on 2nd May, and had a good meeting. The average attendance at regular meetings is 25. The amount of arrears is very small, while the financial position and prospects of the lodge are good. I was much pleased with the work, W. Bro. Dixon and Wardens being qualified for the duties of their several offices, but the work of some of the junior officers could be materially improved. The proper place for the lights seemed a matter of uncertainty, the brethren having evidently misunderstood the instructions of the Grand Master, when he visited that lodge a few weeks previous. I placed the lights for them according to Grand Master's instructions. There is plenty of work, and I consider this lodge progressing well.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: In company with the M.W., the Grand Master, I visited this lodge on 4th Feb. We had a large meeting to hear the Grand Master's lecture, and the good advice he then gave the brethren has had the desired effect, for on my second visit, on 9th June, I found the lodge working well, and with plenty to do for some months to come. This is very encouraging, as the previous year the brethren seemed to have lost interest in their duties. The present W.M., Bro. Hood, deserves credit for bringing the lodge up to its present standing, and from present appearance, I have no doubt he will be able to hand it over to his successor in as prosperous a state as it held in years past. The financial position is satisfactory under the circumstances.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: On the occasion of the M. W. Grand Master's visit to this lodge on 5th February, I was much pleased to meet among the large number so many of the elderly brethren, being evidence of their deep interest in the Masonic fraternity, our welcome being most enthusiastic. The lodge under W. Bro. Campbell, is prosperous, the arrears small, and in a good state financially, attendance good, and have, during the year, contributed fairly for relief. Unfortunately I was unable to visit this lodge again, but frequently met Bro. Pollock, the Secretary, who kept me posted, and I am glad to report that this lodge is in a very good condition.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: This lodge I visited on the 16th of December, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Le F. A.

Maingy, G.J.W. The work was in the third degree, and was done faultlessly by W. Bro. Donald, W.M., who during his term of office seems to have brought the lodge to a high degree of perfection. I again visited on 5th February, when the M.W. Grand Master was present and delivered his lecture. We had a very large attendance. The regular meetings are not so well attended as they ought to be, and arrears are too large, however, the lodge has done properly in suspending, during the year, several members for N. P. D. The financial position is good. Insurance \$1,200. Bro. W. Dunham is following up the footsteps of his predecessor and carrying on the work successfully.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark : This lodge seems to have been at a standstill. While the lodge has had nine meetings during the year there has not been a single degree conferred, and in a membership of 35 the average attendance is only 9, in fact when the M.W. the Grand Master and myself visited, on 3rd February, only 7 members were present. This state of affairs is to be regretted. No doubt but R.W. Bro. Bothwell is the mainstay of this lodge, and as he has again this year passed through family bereavements, this, no doubt, has been the cause of his being unable to attend to Masonic duties. As R.W. Bro. Bothwell has been again elected W.M., and the Secretary informs me their financial standing and prospects are fair, I trust my successor may be able to report more favorably as to this lodge.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond : Just on the eve of prosperity this lodge was called on to mourn the loss of the W. Master, W. Bro. L. P. Manhard, he was buried with Masonic honors at Bell's Corners, on the 6th February, at which I officiated. Bro. J. C. Richardson has been elected for the remainder of the year, and as he is both popular and energetic, perhaps he may be able to awaken the brethren to a sense of duty, and that there will be a larger attendance at lodge meetings. I have visited this lodge several times, but with always a poor attendance. On my first official visit on 16th September, I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Rea, P.D.D.G.M., and R.W. Bros. D. J. Macfarlane, D.D.G.M., and W. W. H. Garrioch, P.D.D.G.M., both of Ottawa District, G.R.Q. ; W. Bros. Boardman and Garrioch and others. The lodge has been endeavoring to strengthen its financial position by concerts and pic-nics, but the opposite has been the effect, and I have recommended that their entertainments be discontinued as they are a source of weakness Ma-onically. To the credit of the lodge be it said, that it is the only one in the district clear of arrears. The financial standing and prospects are good. At the suggestion of the M.W. the Grand Master they have decorated the graves of deceased members.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet : R. W. Bro. D. Taylor, accompanied me on 7th March ; found the building unsuitable for Masonic purposes, and recommended other premises to be secured, but there seems to be a difficulty in this respect, as no proper quarters seem to be obtainable. This is a pity, as W. Bro. J. Smith is a most enthusiastic brother, well up in his work, and confers degrees with ease and fluency. Financially the lodge is fairly good, many of the brethren in arrears, and prospects not by any means bright. The average attendance is small. I have no doubt, if new rooms were available, the brethren would be induced to take a greater interest in the work. I found the lodge working with old by-laws which were useless. Since my visit the by-laws have been revised and approved by the Grand Master. The officers elected in December had not been installed, and a dispensation was obtained to install on the 21st of March.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa : This lodge has had plenty of work during the past year. The prospects are very good, and the lodge is in financially fair condition. The outstanding dues are large, there being 24 members over 12 months in arrears. I strongly recommended the W. M. on the occasion of my official visit, to take some action to remedy the state of affairs. On 23rd December I assisted W. Bro. Smeaton at the funeral services of our late Bro. Ira Morgan, an old member of this lodge, and well known throughout the Dominion. His sad and sudden death caused widespread sorrow, and the gathering of mourners was the largest ever seen in Metcalfe. The sister lodges responded in numbers, including many of the prominent brethren of the district.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa : The average attendance is good, and while there have been eleven meetings during the year, still there has been little work. The arrearage, like many others, is large. When I officially visited this lodge on 2nd February, I was not received, on entering, with those signs of honor due to the office of a D. D. G. M., and during the evening drew the attention of the brethren to this oversight. W. Bro. Wm. Campbell, who is a most courteous and painstaking brother, was not wholly to blame in this matter. The W. M. and officers are thorough masters of the work, and what was done was well done. The prospects are good, and the financial position fair.

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa : I visited this lodge on the 12th February. The average attendance is fair, financial position and prospects good. The W. M., Bro. Fred Cook, and officers are all well up in the work, consequently the lodge is sure to progress, having good material to build with. By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I was installed as D. D. G. M. by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rae on 14th of August in this lodge.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa : W. Bro. Grainger has had a successful year and the prospects are good. Perhaps over anxious to strengthen the lodge numerically and without due consideration, led the brethren to ballot for and accept a candidate who had not for years followed the calling in his application. My opinion being asked before the candidate was initiated, I submitted that the calling or occupation of a candidate for Masonry at the time of his application (and not the occupation he followed years previous) was what he is known by, consequently a new application and ballot would be necessary in this case. My ruling having been appealed to the M. W. Grand Master, it was sustained by him and he demanded an explanation from the W. M.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa : This lodge seems to be doing very well ; its finances are good and the work well done, still a vast improvement could and should be made in the lodge's condition if the W. M. was better supported by his predecessors in office. It is the duty of every brother to loyally support his W. M. no matter if he has been elected to that position against a brother's influence. On the occasion of my official visit on 20th October, while we had a good attendance, there was not a P. M. present, and according to lodge register, their visits are few and far between. I trust the brethren will take a greater interest in their lodge and make it what it ought to be, equal to any in the district.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa : Having been a member of this lodge from the first, I can congratulate the present W. M. and officers on its present condition. Like many others, it has had its ups and downs, but at present the financial position and prospects are good, still

the arrears of dues are much larger than they should be, as nothing but the want of thought on the part of brethren to pay their monthly fees seems to be the cause. The average attendance is large.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: As this is the oldest lodge in the district I made it my last official visit at the June meeting; the attendance on that occasion was, as it always is, large. It is well worthy of the name "Mother Lodge of the city," having the largest number of members of any lodge in the district; 17 meetings were held last year, with an increased membership of 11. The financial position and prospects are very good.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: R. W. Bro. D. Taylor came over with me from Plantagenet to visit this lodge on 8th March. The officers elected in December had not been installed, and a dispensation having been granted, I proceeded with the installation, and the W.M. immediately proceeded to work by initiating a candidate, and assisted by V. W. Bro. Marsden, conferred a third degree. This lodge meets in the hall of another fraternity, and having drawn the attention of the brethren to this fact, advised them to try and procure better quarters that would be in keeping with the Constitution. I was informed that it was the intention to build a Masonic hall, and hope this year will see this carried into effect, as they have many members of affluence. The prospects of the lodge are very good and working well under W. Bro. W. R. Metcalfe. There have been 16 meetings held.

During the year I have granted dispensations to the following lodges to appear clothed as Masons to attend divine service: Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, on the 27th December and 26th June; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122; Nipissing Lodge, No. 420; St. John's Lodge, No. 196; Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, and Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, all on 26th June, and Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, on 10th January, and for initiating serving brethren without fees to Nipissing and Plantagenet Lodges, also to Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, to move into new hall before consecration of same.

In Ottawa we have seven lodges where, in my opinion, four would be plenty, believing that the interests of Freemasonry would be better if these lodges were amalgamated. I would suggest that the Grand Secretary should furnish each lodge with a sufficient number of notices of motion coming before Grand Lodge, so that every Past Master may be supplied with a copy—this seems to be a general complaint in the district.

While Ottawa is favored during the session of Parliament, with Grand Lodges, officers and prominent members of the Craft of this and other jurisdictions, it is a matter of regret to the Ottawa brethren that advantage is not taken of the opportunity to visit some of the lodges during their stay in the city. They would be cordially welcome and the pleasure of their company highly appreciated by the Ottawa brethren.

The Secretaries, as a rule, have been attentive to their duties, still I find some returns without P.M.'s names, and in a number of cases they have sadly neglected sending me returns to date, consequently my report has been delayed. I annex herewith a table which I consider will be of some interest.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity of thanking my brethren for their kindness towards me on all occasions, which has made my term of office, as D.D.G.M., a source of pleasure to me, and especially R.W. Bros. Rea and Taylor, who have given me valuable assistance on several occasions; R.W. Bro. Taylor, at considerable time and expense to him-

self, accompanied me to many of the lodges outside the city. Having been frank with the brethren in all matters, while endeavoring to discharge the duties of my high office with satisfaction to the Craft in general, I am glad to know that my humble efforts for the good of our Masonic fraternity have been acceptable to the brethren of the Sixteenth District.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

Ottawa, 9th July, 1892.

G. J. MACFARLANE, D.D.G.M.,

Sixteenth Masonic District.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventeenth Masonic District.

Owing to the size of this district, it being 900 miles from end to end, it is difficult to give it the supervision required, and therefore I would recommend that Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, (U.D.) be detached from this and attached to one of the more easterly districts.

Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, (U.D.) is in a good condition, both financially and otherwise. I have great pleasure in recommending that they receive a warrant at the coming convention of Grand Lodge. In this connection I enclose letter and documents *re* Nickel Lodge, received from V. W. Bro. Klock, which will explain themselves.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, is in a flourishing condition, having 80 members. Its finances in a healthy state. It carries insurance of \$500 on lodge furniture.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, shows 53 members on the roll, a good balance in the bank, and carries \$400 insurance.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, shows 52 members, state of finances healthy, and carries \$400 insurance.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, has a membership of 101, state of finances good, and furniture insured for \$600.

The W. M.'s in all the above named lodges can work the three degrees.

Pequonga Lodge, Rat Portage: No returns are received from Pequonga Lodge, Rat Portage, thus making it impossible to supply particulars to date, but from information received I believe it to be in a very prosperous state.

The various lodges are much more careful, I find, with respect to material accepted, as they begin to realize from past experience, that it is well to guard the door of Masonry. The old standing evil, regarding the matter of unpaid dues, still exists, and suspensions for N. P. D. are too frequent. It would be well if Grand Lodge could devise some stringent remedy in this connection.

Believing that long and tedious reports are not very welcome, I have the honor to remain, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

Yours fraternally,

W. C. DOBIE, D.D.G.M.,

Seventeenth Masonic District.

Port Arthur, July 5th, 1892.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board beg to recommend that a warrant be granted to Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, which has been working under a dispensation granted by the Grand Master on the thirteenth day of October, A D. 1891.

The Board further recommend that the petitions for warrants of the brethren of Acacia Lodge, East Toronto, District, No. 11 ; Port Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, District, No. 5, and Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, District, No. 12, working under dispensation granted by the Grand Master on the 16th June, 1892, the 7th May, 1892, and the 30th April, 1892, respectively, be held over until the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge, and that in the meantime the dispensation granted in each case be continued.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. C. WARNER,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. C. Warner, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board again desire to congratulate Grand Lodge on the compact style in which the proceedings of last Annual Communication were issued, and express their unqualified satisfaction with the work turned out by the contractors in this department.

In conformity with the resolution adopted, the Board purchased a Remington Typewriter, at a cost of \$120, for use in the office of the Grand Secretary, and secured the services of an efficient operator at \$4 per week. The work of the office, by the introduction of this labor-saving machine, has been materially lightened and perceptibly expedited, and in every respect the clerical portion of the Grand Secretary's work has been promptly and efficiently attended to. The account for the payment of this machine is recommended for ratification.

The Board beg to recommend for payment the following accounts for miscellaneous printing and stationery :—

Hunter Rose & Co., proceedings and general printing, per contract.....	\$451 25
“Times” Printing Co., incidental printing, circulars, forms, etc.....	144 75
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates.....	497 06
R. Duncan & Co., stationery.....	72 25
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	\$1,165 31

An account from Hunter, Rose & Co., amounting to \$870 for printing, as per order of Special Committee, your Board cannot at present

recommend for payment, in view of the fact that the charge of \$720 for a certain portion of the work is considered excessive, and altogether out of proportion to the necessity of the case. No order, so far as can be ascertained, was given for such an expensive "cover," the general opinion being that the cost, singly, would be from 5c. to 8c., instead of 18c., as charged. The Board, therefore, recommend that the settlement of the account be referred to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, to make the best terms possible under the circumstances.

The Board, in view of the fact that nothing has for years been presented to Grand Lodge showing the quantity or value of supplies stored in the office of the Grand Secretary, beg to recommend that the President of the Board of General Purposes appoint annually, at least two weeks previous to the meeting of Grand Lodge, a competent valuator to take an inventory of the supplies on hand, and submit a detailed report of the same, with their value, to the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, for the information of Grand Lodge. The propriety of securing such a statement as that set forth will not be gainsaid, and the cost of such an undertaking, in case of fire or from other unforeseen causes, will be amply repaid to Grand Lodge from a business standpoint alone.

The Board, as during the last Annual Communication, will endeavor, as far as possible, to have the reports (such as ordered) printed and ready for distribution among the members of Grand Lodge at the earliest convenience.

Faternally submitted,

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved--That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board, through the Committee on Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been regularly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary contains a full and concise statement of all the business transacted in that office during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer exhibits the expenditures and investments for the year.

The total receipts have been.....	\$20,359 77
Expenditure.....	14,345 73

Balance.....	\$ 5,994 04
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The receipts last year were \$18,408.69, leaving a balance in favor of this year of \$1,951.08.

The expenditure last year was \$18,088.07, leaving a balance in favor of this year of \$3,742.34, though it must not be forgotten that the expenditure for benevolent grants was considerably less than in former years.

The funds of the Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1892, were as follows :

London Loan Co. of Canada, at 5%	\$10,000
Huron & Erie Loan Co., at 4½ %	10,000
“ “ “ at 4¼ %	5,000
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., at 4½ % ..	10,000
Canada Permanent Loan Co., at 4½ %: ..	10,000
Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4¾ %	10,000
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., at 4½ %	5,000
Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4½ %	5,000
Canada Savings & Loan Co., at 4¼ %	5,000
	—————\$70,000 00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	7,549 15
	<u>\$77,549 15</u>

Which represent the balance at the credit of the following accounts :

General Fund	\$64,815 90
Asylum Fund.....	12,733 25
Total.....	—————\$77,549 15

The Board having examined the following accounts, and finding them correct, recommend their payment :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$100 00
M. W. Grand Master expense acct. rendered....	199 10
Grand Secretary, balance of Incidentals....	123 12
“ “ Advance for Incidentals	400 00
Insurance on Regalia.....	17 50
General Masonic Relief Association.....	110 00
Total.....	—————\$ 949 72
Grants to Benevolence.....	7,075 00

The Committee on printing and supplies, having reported the following accounts, submitted to them from the Committee on Finance as being correct, the Board recommend their payment :

Hunter, Rose & Co., Proceedings, &c.	\$451 25
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R. Duncan & Co., Stationery.....	72 25
Total.....	<u>\$1,165 31</u>

The Grand Treasurer in his report above shows the balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce to be \$7,549.13, and suggests that a further investment of \$5,000 be made. Your Board recommend that the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary be instructed to invest the sum of \$5,000 in similar securities as our other investments.

The Board have duly considered the application from the Masonic Board of Relief, of San Francisco, asking that the sum of \$80, which

they expended on behalf of the widow and daughter of the late Bro. James Scarlett, of Bothwell Lodge, No. 179 (now defunct), but who was in good standing upon the books of Grand Lodge, and recommend that the said amount be recouped to this Board of relief, who will expend it again in relief.

An application having been received from Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, Jerusalem Palestine, setting forth the fact that, from various reasons over which they have no control, they are unable to send the fees owing the Grand Lodge, and requesting to be relieved from this liability, the Board recommend that, as this is a peculiar case, and not deserving to have this warrant suspended, and as the brethren are struggling to keep this Lodge in existence, that the fees to 30th May, 1892, be remitted.

From the financial statements submitted to Grand Lodge, it will be observed that the account for Printing appears large, which is explained from the fact that the ceremonies cost \$1,500.

The Board are pleased to report that, with a very increased membership to the General Masonic Relief Association, the assessment has been reduced to one-half cent per member on the roll of this Grand Lodge. The Board are satisfied that this Association does good and efficient work, and that a large amount of money has been saved to this jurisdiction by their efforts.

In accordance with the suggestion from the Committee on Benevolence, that a remuneration should be made to R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon for services rendered in investigating the numerous applications for benevolence, and from the fact that a very large sum of money has been and will be saved to this Grand Lodge through his enquiries, the Board recommend that the sum of \$300 be paid him for said services, in addition to his actual travelling expenses.

The Board recommend that the salary of the Stenographer in the Grand Secretary's office be \$300, according to the vote of Grand Lodge last year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

THOS. SARGANT,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargent, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board have approached the performance of their duties, fully realizing the great loss they have sustained in the death of their chairman, M. W. Bro. Klotz, upon whose ripe judgment and experience they were wont to rely in the past—M. W. Bro. Klotz having been the Chairman of this Committee from the time of its formation until his death—and only those members of the Committee, whose privilege it has been to assist him in the performance of the work of this Committee, can properly estimate the time and labor ungrudgingly bestowed by our late M. W. Bro. in the business entrusted to them; and the Committee desire to place upon record their high appreciation of the value

of the work performed by their late distinguished brother, and their great sorrow at his death; also to convey their sympathy to the family of the late M.W. Brother.

The total number of applications presented to the Board number 330, as against 392 last year.

Relief has been recommended to 249 applicants, amounting to \$7,075; 81 applications have been rejected.

The rule requiring applications for relief to be sent to the Grand Secretary by the first day of June in each year, has not been complied with as fully as it should have been, and the Board respectfully submit that all future applications should be sent in before that day, in order to receive full consideration. The only exception to this rule should be in cases where the death of the party causing the necessity for the application occurs after the first day of June.

The Board also recommend that the Sub-Committee on Benevolence meet annually, two weeks previous to the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge, in order that all applications may be fully and carefully considered and dealt with by the Committee.

The Board are pleased to be able to report a very great improvement in the amount of aid granted by the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, but would again direct the attention of the lodges to the necessity for a grant of aid being made, in all cases, by lodges making application for supplementary aid by Grand Lodge.

The Board would again earnestly recommend the officers of all lodges to read over and carefully consider the rules laid down by Grand Lodge for the guidance of all applications for relief, in order that deserving applications be not deprived of aid through the negligence of officers of lodges.

The Board recommend the approval of the By-Laws of the Windsor Board of Relief.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM GIBSON,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF R.W. BRO. NIXON ON APPLICATIONS FOR BENEVOLENCE.

To the M.W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada:

M.W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I herewith present my report on the applications made to Grand Lodge for benevolence at the session of 1891. There were 397 applications sent in from the various lodges; two of these were duplicates, leaving the net number 395. A special report is presented on each case.

I have endeavored, as far as possible, to see each individual for whom an application was made, and have succeeded to a very great extent. The result of my investigation shows that of the 395 applicants 204 are worthy of relief, and are in such circumstances as to require it; 91 do not require relief; 23 are doubtful; 25 are living out of the jurisdic-

tion of this Grand Lodge ; 37 I was unable to see or get any definite information regarding them ; 13 are dead ; and 2, who were widows when the applications were made, are now married.

There were 341 applications made for widows of deceased brethren, 20 for orphans, 2 for mothers of Masons, and 32 for brethren.

I have visited about 180 places in the province, including nearly every city and town, and also a large number of small places in many cases off the line of the railway, which necessitated a considerable amount of driving.

The result amply demonstrates the wisdom of making the investigation. Of the 204 said to be worthy of relief, several are in very destitute circumstances, some being blind, others deformed, or afflicted with some incurable disease. These should receive a liberal grant, as, in many cases, Masonic charity is nearly all they have to depend upon. Others are likely in a year or two to be in such circumstances as not to require any further aid. The brethren for whom application was made are, as far as seen, all worthy of relief, most of them being totally disabled by some bodily infirmity, or so old as to be unable to do anything to make a living.

Referring to the 91 said not to require relief, in most cases the parties themselves admitted quite freely that such was the case ; in some instances I was told they had informed the brethren that no further relief was required, but they were pressed to send in the applications ; many others admitted that their circumstances were good, but were under the impression that the grant from Grand Lodge was something they were entitled to as a right. In some few cases your representative had to listen to some sharp criticisms on Grand Lodge and the Craft in general, because grants were refused, and they were, as they professed to believe, defrauded out of their rights ; two or three were found to be utterly unworthy. It is difficult to comprehend how it is possible that many of these applications could be sent in if the brethren really understood that our benevolence is only supposed to be dispensed where it is actually required. Your representative was told more than once that, as Grand Lodge had plenty of money, and as they (the brethren) helped to put it there, it was only right that they should get some of it back, and it would appear as if many of these applications were made from some such idea, rather than from the need of the party for whom application was made.

Referring to the 23 cases classed doubtful ; it is the opinion of your representative that, in almost every case, they are in such circumstances as not to require relief, but as the only information that could be obtained came from the parties for whom the applications were made, and as they said their circumstances were such as to require aid, I was not willing to class them with those whose applications should be rejected. I will say, however, that in every case all the appearances indicated comfortable circumstances. It is possible appearances may be deceptive, but it is not easy to understand how parties can be in need who live in fine, well furnished houses, apparently surrounded with every comfort, or have several adult children living with them, and earning fairly good remuneration.

Of the 25 "out of the jurisdiction," 17 live in the United States ; 4 in the Province of Quebec ; 2 in Manitoba ; 1 in British Columbia ; and 1 in England. It was impossible to get any reliable information regarding the circumstances of these, other than that contained in the application. In most cases they moved to these places in order to live with friends, or for the purpose of bettering their circumstances as far as they possibly could.

Referring to those marked "not seen" or "could not find," in some cases the right address evidently was not given, as they could not be found at the address set down, nor could any definite information be obtained as to their whereabouts. In others, the parties had moved to other places, and had not left their address. In some few cases they lived in places so far distant that it was not deemed advisable to incur the expense that it would necessarily cost to call upon them.

It is quite unnecessary to make any comment on the 13 who are dead, or the two who are married.

It is very much to be regretted that brethren will insist in sending in applications for relief on behalf of widows who are in good circumstances, and who are very well able not only to live comfortably, but, in some cases, are in comparative affluence. It might not be out of place in this connection to give two examples of applications sent in by lodges. In one instance five applications were sent in. Your representative called on two of the applicants and found they were in good circumstances. The first one called upon said she had told the party who brought the application that she did not require relief, but was told in reply that others no worse off were getting it, and she might as well take it. One of the prominent brethren was then called upon, who gravely informed your representative that all the cases sent in were genuine cases, where relief was very much required, and expressed surprise that Grand Lodge should consider it necessary to send any one to make an investigation. When confronted with the facts regarding the two already seen, he admitted that he did not know for certain, but he thought relief was required. Two other applicants were afterwards called upon, and were found to be in good circumstances. The fifth was said to live in a neighboring town, but could not be found there, having moved to another place some hundred miles distant; enquiries being made there, it was found that she had again moved and was not to be found.

In the other case referred to, the lodge sent in seven applications; two out of the seven are reported as requiring relief. Of the other five, one conducts a first-class boarding-house, and is reported to be making money; two received \$2,000 or upwards of life insurance, and also own property; one is living with a son who is in very good circumstances, and who ridiculed the idea of being in need, and who said that she supposed the grant was an absolute right, or she would never have consented to receive it; the other one was found to be utterly unworthy. These are probably two of the most flagrant instances, but there are many others where applications were sent in for one or two parties, and there can be no possible doubt but at least some of the brethren who passed upon the applications knew perfectly well that they were not such as should have been forwarded for consideration.

In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy which has been extended to me by the brethren whom I found it necessary to call upon, and who did all in their power to render assistance in enabling me to present to you as accurate a report as possible.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. NIXON.

RETURNS BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF AS AT 31st MAY, 1892.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The task of reviewing the reports of seventeen District Masters, and presenting, in a condensed form, an account of all matters pertaining to the Craft matters, has been assigned to us ; a stupendous task indeed, when you consider that the year's work of seventeen conscientious, painstaking and enthusiastic brethren has to be carefully scrutinized in order to gather facts and figures to be submitted for your judgment, and to have proper effect given to all suggestions and recommendations therein contained.

If, therefore, any injustice is done by omitting or overlooking some important facts, we desire to repudiate any charge of carelessness, but intend to place the blame on the proper shoulders and point out that justice cannot be done to the work of 352 Lodges and over 21,000 Craftsmen in the short space of three days. Instead of receiving the reports fourteen days before the meeting of Grand Lodge, as required by Constitution, we were not in possession of all such until Friday evening last.

The review of these reports is to us a labor of love, and our ambition is to present a carefully prepared record to Grand Lodge, so that the members may have an idea of the strides that Masonry is making within our borders, and praise be given to those who have faithfully performed their task.

We therefore impress on the District Masters that proper attention to the requirements of the Constitution on this point will materially assist us in our labors.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

A perusal of the reports will amply repay not only the Masonic student but those who take an interest in our welfare. A reader of same must be struck with the sacrifices which these brethren make for the cause of Freemasonry. The necessary absence from the home and business circles, the sufferings and privations endured in travelling from one end of a district to the other, over bad roads and in inclement weather, while engaged in the labor of love, mark them as brethren of which Grand Lodge should be proud; whom all should love and respect, and who are entitled to greater praise than can be expressed by our feeble efforts.

Each District Master appears to have had a keen sense of his duty. His efforts to encourage and assist the weak, to advise and reason with the troublesome, to bring together contending brethren, and to impress on them the lessons of brotherly love, cannot be too strongly commended.

It appears to have been the aim of all to present a truthful picture, pointing out weakness where it exists and endeavoring to strengthen by amalgamation rather than surrender of warrant, where it appeared desirable.

Manly and independent accounts are given of the standing and the character of lodges which, when acted on by Grand Lodge, will prove of great benefit to all concerned.

We find that every lodge in the jurisdiction, with the exception of two, has been visited once by the District Master, while the majority of lodges have been visited two or three times, a record to be proud of, and very difficult to improve on. The two exceptions mentioned should

not be referred to, as in each case the District Master endeavored to have a meeting called, but without success. The Grand Lodge can be complimented in possessing such faithful and painstaking representatives who have earned the esteem and love of all interested in the good work. May their efforts be an example for all future District Masters.

It is not surprising to find such zeal and activity displayed by the District Masters when you take into consideration the untiring efforts put forth by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master during the past two years. During last year he made 232 visits, while in the preceding year 131 visits were made. The rank and file of the brethren were met and instructed, good advice and encouragement were given, and by the delivery of lectures the brethren have now an intelligent idea of the history of our Order, its aims and objects, and the consequent duties imposed on all. These visits have been productive of much good. The various reports teem with instances of new life having been infused into lodges apparently dormant and reported against year after year, and of a general awakening among the sluggish and careless. The Grand Master's work will live after him and is now observable in the increased attendance at lodge meetings, and in the fact that competent and efficient Masters and Officers preside over the various lodges.

A perusal of the reports will sufficiently demonstrate the esteem in which The Most Worshipful Brother is held and the good work which has been accomplished by his visits and lectures.

In South Huron the District Master reports:—"The general condition of Masonry in the district is most satisfactory, and I think a great deal of interest has been taken in some of the weaker lodges since the visits of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Brethren who were in the habit of only attending lodge on special occasions have determined to take more interest in future."

The District Master of the Ottawa District says:—"That Madawaska Lodge, which was dormant for some time, has again awakened and is now on the road to prosperity, and attributes the welcome change to the visit of the Grand Master."

The District Master of Erie reports that the visits of the Grand Master have done a great amount of good and will be remembered with pleasure by the brethren of the district.

In North Huron the District Master reports that the visits of the Grand Master have done much to encourage the brethren, who are not slow to appreciate the enormous labor undertaken and accomplished by the occupant of the Grand East.

The District Master of Wilson says:—"That the work done during the last two years by the most distinguished brother will long be felt by the Craft throughout the jurisdiction over which he has had the pleasure to preside, and when years have rolled by the good that has been done by his visits will still remain."

It is to be regretted that the majority of the District Masters have not furnished us with tabulated statements, as requested in previous reports. These statements would be of great assistance in gathering information for our report. An effort should be made by future District Masters to comply with the request. It can readily be seen that the District Masters are not altogether to blame for this apparent neglect, as great difficulty is experienced in getting the returns properly filled in and forwarded by the Subordinate Lodges. In fact some of the lodges appear to ignore all communications and do not even provide the District Masters with either circulars or the report of the Installation of Officers. It is here suggested that the District Master notify each

lodge of the requirements, and that any neglect will be met with immediate discipline. The adoption of this course of action may materially assist in opening the eyes of some worshipful Masters to a proper sense of their duty. The following District Masters are entitled to our thanks for the assistance their tabulated statements gave us: Wellington, Niagara, Frontenac, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence and Ottawa. The business-like circular copied in the report of the St. Lawrence District should be studied by all and acted on by the District Masters who desire to make a success of their mission. The suggestion offered by the St. Lawrence District Master respecting the forms provided by Grand Lodge to the subordinate lodges will also receive the attention of the Grand Secretary.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

It is to be regretted that lodges of instruction were held in only the following districts, viz.: Erie, London, North Huron, South Huron, Hamilton, Toronto and Prince Edward. These districts deserve praise for the great efforts put forth in carrying out the Grand Master's instructions. Through the exertions of the District Master, Toronto was enabled to have two very successful and well attended meetings. Meetings would no doubt have been held in the other districts if the work could have been furnished the Masters at an earlier date. General improvement in this respect will be looked for next year.

ATTENDANCE.

It is gratifying to note the increase in attendance during the last year. This is particularly noticeable in the following districts: Erie, St. Clair, London, North Huron, South Huron, Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton, Toronto, Prince Edward and St. Lawrence. In Wellington District the attendance is thirty per cent. of the membership, while in St. Lawrence and Hamilton Districts every effort was put forth to make the meetings attractive and interesting. In St. Lawrence the District Master during his visit delivered a lecture on Masonic topics when time would permit, while the Master of the Hamilton District was accompanied in his visits by able and learned brethren who enlightened the members with papers and discussions on Masonic subjects. Their conduct is worthy of emulation. Increased attendance and greater interest in lodge affairs will immediately follow if the District Master will cater to the intellectual wants of the brethren.

Hamilton District can now boast of a Past Master's Association which embraces in its membership Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of the district. It is in a flourishing condition, and will, like the pioneer body in Toronto, be successful in increasing an interest in the study of Masonry and all matters pertaining thereto.

Another cause which may be assigned for the general increase in attendance is the fraternal feeling that exists between lodges, the interchange of visits not only between the lodges in the district, but between lodges in different districts. These visits create a healthy and friendly rivalry not only in work, but in attendance and equipment of lodge rooms. We trust that the practice may become more general, so that brotherly love and good fellowship may increase.

It is also noticeable that the Past Masters are taking a greater interest in lodge affairs; a larger attendance of Past Masters is now reported; they are to be found advising and encouraging the officers, occupying the chairs and working the degrees, and the prosperity of several lodges has been credited to them, and, to quote the language of the Toronto District Master, "They (the Past Masters) are a strong

element of usefulness and strength to the Craft, not only in the city but in the country." This is extremely gratifying, and proves that the suggestions and advice given by this Board in former reports have been followed, and meetings have been made instructive and entertaining; the work has been rendered in a perfect manner, and, above all, the constant and untiring zeal and activity displayed by the Grand Master and the District Masters has borne good fruit.

RETROGRADING.

Unusual activity has been displayed by the District Masters, not only in encouraging and assisting lodges reported in former years as weak and retrograding, but in strengthening various lodges by amalgamation. This matter was thoroughly discussed last year, as will be seen by reference to our Report in the printed proceedings. The causes for weakness were given and the remedies suggested.

It is a source of gratification to learn that our former reports have been carefully read and acted upon by the District Masters, so that they were enabled to commence their duties with a full knowledge of the matters which required prompt attention. The District Master in Frontenac has been singularly successful in his efforts to strengthen his district. He has succeeded in amalgamating some weak lodges and by constant attention has been successful in placing others in the path of prosperity. He reports that there are still a few lodges located too near each other for successful work, but they have been so long established, and the brethren have become so attached to them, that further change in this respect in his district is not desirable. Experience, he says, has taught him that the best modes of disposing of weak lodges is by amalgamation with the nearest lodge rather than cancelling the warrant, as in the latter case the brethren are deprived of a Masonic Home and do not readily find their way into another, and in this respect he instances the cases of Filius Viduae, of Adolphustown, and Hiram, of Wolfe Island, and claims that although the brethren of Hiram were promised certificates of standing by Grand Lodge, they have not yet received same, and they are thereby deprived of joining Elysian Lodge, to the benefit of all concerned. It is to be hoped that Grand Lodge will give this matter its immediate attention.

The District Masters of Niagara and Ottawa give valuable advice to small lodges on the subject of amalgamation and overcrowding.

The fact that a few of our lodges are retrograding and that some will come under the term "weak lodges" is not a matter of surprise. The weak will have to go to the wall or keep up with the march of progress.

The proportion of weak lodges, however, is so small that it casts no reflection on the general prosperity and growth of the Order.

The weak lodges will first be enumerated with some of the causes assigned for such weakness. Some are intrusted to the District Masters with instructions to give them their best care and attention and where difficulties exist, assist the opposing parties in coming to an amicable arrangement, so that the year 1893 may find the majority, if not all of such lodges, placed among the happy and prosperous ones.

In St. Clair District it will be observed that in Moore, 294, differences have arisen on a question of removal of lodge to Courtwright, and in consequence no quorum can be obtained at times. The D.D.G.M. will endeavor to bring about a proper understanding.

In London District no improvement is noticeable in Cameron, 232, while Moffat, 399, proves to be the weakest lodge in the district.

In South Huron no improvement is discernible in Tudor, 151, reported against last year.

Georgian District leads the van in weak lodges, which is to be regretted, although the District Master is entitled to credit for faithful report.

Strong, 423, is kept alive by the Past Master. The Master, Senior Warden and Secretary were absent on date of visit. Questionable material appears to have been introduced, while the District Master considers that it is not in the interests of Masonry to continue it in existence. The D.D.G.M. will endeavor to bring about a better state of things and report next year. Georgian, 348, is not progressive, and cannot become so unless the officers get up the work. The Grand Lodge dues are in arrears.

Seven Star, 285, is suffering from financial difficulties occasioned by the fire which swept the town last year.

Pythagoras, 137, indifference of members causes want of prosperity.

Prince Arthur, 333, the officers take no interest in work, the Past Masters are trying to hold it together.

Manitoba, 236, appears to have outlived its usefulness, the Worshipful Master is the only officer who takes any interest in same.

In Niagara District, Myrtle at Port Robinson should unite with Welland or Thorold, it is the only lodge in the district whose prospects are not good.

Dufferin, 338, and Macnab, 169, will be reported on next year by the D.D.G.M.

In Toronto District, River Park, 356, requires attention and encouragement.

In Ottawa District no improvement has been made in Norwood, 223.

In St. Lawrence, Henderson, 383, is the only weak lodge in the district.

In Ottawa District, Plantaganet, 186, and Evergreen, 209, are the only two weak lodges. A decided improvement would no doubt take place if Plantaganet would move into new quarters. While in Erie, North Huron, Wilson, Hamilton and Algoma Districts no weak lodges can be found.

The lodges which appear to be retrograding are :—Victoria, 398, in Ontario District, is practically dead, no meeting has been held for months ; 14 members out of 31 are in arrears for dues ; attendance only eight. D.D.G.M. advises withdrawal of warrant. The D.D.G.M. will submit a special report next year.

Robertson, 292, whose existence is reported as detrimental to the Craft.

Union, 118, appears to have outlived its usefulness, no meetings were held from July till November, and from November until March.

Georgina, 343, is suffering from what the District Master styles "dry rot." Officers are ignorant of the work. Election of officers had to be postponed on account of slim attendance of members and disinclination to accept office.

The Toronto District Master will make a special report on above next year.

In Prince Edward, Quinte, 241, has decided to surrender its warrant. It is deplorable that the members arrived at this conclusion when the circumstances are taken into consideration. The District Master thinks that it is in the interest of Masonry to call in warrant.

In Frontenac District, Albion, 104, is perfectly inactive, only five meetings were held during the year. A special report will be looked for next year.

Grand Lodge will readily see that out of 352 lodges, only five are retrograding, and 19 may be termed weak, but which can be nursed into

strength and prosperity by proper attention. Many causes of weakness have been given in previous reports, but the Hamilton District Master calls our attention to the fact that lodges have their dull and good times like other institutions, and that the Master holds in his hands the power to make or unmake the lodge.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that lack of interest in some of the lodges can be attributed to the presence of benefit organizations, which are exercising a temporary influence on the Craft in Frontenac District.

IMPROVEMENTS.

It is gratifying to note the very marked improvement in lodges reported against in former years. A proper understanding of the objects of the Order, an earnest desire to succeed in lodge work, and careful selection of presiding officers, have produced wonderful results. The various D. D. G. M.'s have reason to be proud of the result of their labors.

The lodges according to districts are herein set out :

Alexandra, 158.....	St. Clair.
Dufferin, 364.....	"
Victoria, 56.....	"
Huron, 392.....	"
Belmont, 190.....	London.
Durham, 306.....	Wellington.
St. Albans, 200.....	"
Prince Arthur, 334.....	"
Conestogo, 295.....	"
Minerva, 304.....	Georgian.
St. George, 15.....	Niagara.
King Solomon's, 22.....	Toronto.
Markham Union, 87.....	"
Rising Sun, 129.....	"
Richmond, 23.....	"
St. John's, 340 (now amalgamated with Leeds, 201).....	Frontenac.
Tamworth, 404.....	"
Victoria, 299.....	"

This lodge was reported against for years. It has erected a new hall and is almost free from debt, clearly demonstrating what can be accomplished where enthusiasm prevails.

Prince Arthur, 228. In connection with this lodge the District Master has been requested to report that the charges made last year to the effect that political quarrels introduced into the lodge are not correct, and in consequence thereof a feeling of unrest exists, which prevents the lodge making more marked improvement. Grand Lodge is asked to state its intention with regard to the Charter.

Grand Lodge is pleased with the efforts put forth by the brethren and trusts that their past experience may prove beneficial. It is the earnest desire of all that this lodge should take a high position in the district, and will instruct the D. D. G. M. to assure them that their prosperity is desired. We would, however, suggest that the D. D. G. M. remind the brethren that proficiency in the officers is requisite and that the dues to Grand Lodge are still in arrears.

Rising Sun, 85.....	St. Lawrence.
Lancaster, 207.....	"
Maxwell, 418.....	"
Lansdowne, 387.....	"

In fact a general improvement is noticeable throughout the whole district, due no doubt to the efforts of the D.D.G.M.

The success of Lansdowne would be assured by moving into a new meeting place.

Madawaska, 196. Ottawa.

Owes its remarkable improvement to the care and attention bestowed on it by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the W.M. of the lodge.

Grand Lodge is therefore to be congratulated on the return to health and strength of 24 lodges, a monument to zeal, activity, enthusiasm and untiring efforts.

NEW LODGES.

It is gratifying to note that the Grand Master studies the wants and requirements of a community, and the chances and successes of new lodges before granting dispensations.

During the year, dispensations have been granted to Nickel Lodge at Sudbury, Fidelity Lodge at Port Perry, Acacia at East Toronto, and Port Elgin at Port Elgin.

These lodges will be reported on by the Committee on Warrants.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

The advice given by the Board on former occasions appears to have been carried out, and in consequence a very great improvement in the collection of dues is noticed. The Masters and Secretaries, particularly the latter officers, have been diligent and attentive to their duties in this respect. A few districts are still groaning under the crying evil.

Algoma calls on Grand Lodge to devise some scheme to aid in the collection. Grand Lodge has done all in its power in this respect. A careful perusal of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge will give you a choice of several schemes by which your condition may be bettered.

The enforcement of the laws made by Grand Lodge, and in all probability contained in your By-Laws, will bring about the desired effect, and be not afraid, as in the case of the brethren of the Ontario District, to hurt the feelings of those delinquents who are barnacles on your little ship.

In Ontario District, out of a membership of 1,067, 212 members are in arrears.

In Ottawa District, we find a membership of 1,179, with arrearages amounting to \$2,661.73. Five of its lodges have an arrearage averaging \$256 a lodge.

In Georgian District, we find Orillia, No. 192, complaining of hard times, while \$381 of arrearages remain uncollected. In Frontenac, the arrearages amount to \$930.75, while St. Lawrence would have to its credit \$1,495.13 if the collection of dues had been looked after.

As an example of what a good live Secretary, and the observance of business principles can accomplish, the following lodges have not one cent of arrearages on their books, viz.:—Mystic, 278, Macoy, 242, Naph-tali, 413, Goodwood, 159, and Wingham, 286.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

A careful perusal of the reports will satisfy any person that the Craft has entered on an era of prosperity. Long may it so continue. Harmony and good will prevail throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction. Several of the District Masters report that no complaints, disputes or differences have been submitted to them for settlement,

consequently none exist. Greater interest is taken in the work. It is a rare exception to find a Worshipful Master who cannot confer the degrees; in fact, the Masters are reported as well skilled, and the work is well presented. The only exception to this grand record of good workmen is to be found in the Ontario District, where the Worshipful Masters of five lodges cannot work the three degrees, and in two lodges the Worshipful Masters cannot open and close their respective lodges. While Past Masters can be relied on and utilized, these erring ones have no ambition to master the work. The District Master blames the lodges for electing these brethren to positions which it was well known they were incapable of filling.

It will, therefore, be observed that, with the above few exceptions, our roll of Worshipful Masters is something to be proud of.

To sum up in a few lines the condition of the Craft, it will only be necessary to quote from the reports of the St. Clair and the North Huron Districts:

"Peace and harmony prevail as well as loyalty to the Craft, and properly constituted authority reigns and is recognized by all."

"All along the line I find a healthy and enthusiastic spirit prevails, and the condition of the lodges prosperous. Peace has prevailed throughout our borders. We have lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes. The pure principles of our noble institution have stood us well in hand, and aided many times and in many places to tone down the passion of heated political debates during the political campaign of unusual activity and intensity which has just occurred."

Can we desire any better recommendation than the above? It is apparent that the mission of Freemasonry on this earth is at length understood. May God prosper us in all our efforts to spread the good tidings of brotherly love, relief and truth, and may we "practice out of the lodge the excellent precepts which are therein inculcated," so that we may be able to proclaim,

"It's comin' yet for a' that
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brethren be for a' that."

BENEVOLENCE.

The various District Masters have taken great pains to instruct the brethren in the rules of Grand Lodge governing grants of benevolence which will no doubt be duly appreciated not only by the Subordinate Bodies, but by the members of the Board of Benevolence. It is not here out of place to again call the attention of Grand Lodge to the advisability of providing some means by which the rules governing benevolent grants may be enforced without utilizing the D. D. G. M. for that purpose. Complaints have been made for years regarding the extra duties imposed on those brethren in this respect, and it is hoped that Grand Lodge will immediately consider the matter.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

For several years requests have been made for a rearrangement of some of the districts. Grand Lodge should not make any changes in the existing boundaries of districts without due care and consideration. The work of dividing and arranging the districts was one of great magnitude, over which great care and much time was expended.

After an experience of several years, we admit that some changes may be desirable, but all demands for same should be referred to Special Committees for report.

The District Master of Georgian District reports that his district is too large to be properly looked after. He follows in the footsteps of his predecessors in asking that Golden Rule, 409; Muskoka, 360; Unity, 376; Strong, 423; Granite, 352, and True Blue, 98, should be attached to other districts. It is suggested that True Blue, 98, should go to Toronto. It will be remembered that last year the Toronto District Master approved of the suggestion on the condition that Union, 118, should be exchanged therefor. As Grand Lodge has appointed a Committee, no doubt justice will be done during the present session.

The District Master of Ottawa draws the attention of the Committee appointed to consider the division of Ottawa and Georgian Districts, that Lodges Nipissing, 420, and Mattawa, 405, which will be directly affected by any change, oppose the proposition. Although the District Master had to travel 2,200 miles in order to complete his visits, he is nevertheless opposed to the removal of above lodges, and requests Grand Lodge to give consideration to the wishes of the brethren.

Toronto District is now composed of 38 lodges. To visit same it is necessary for the District Master to travel over three thousand miles, and in the discharge of his duties it was found necessary to write over one thousand letters. This is a serious tax on the time of any brother, particularly so when such brother has business duties to attend to. The District Master requests Grand Lodge to seriously consider the matter of divisions, otherwise it will be difficult to obtain a brother having the time and means to take charge of and properly look after the requirements of all the lodges. He suggests that it should be divided into two districts, one of which is to be composed of the twenty lodges in the city of Toronto and adjoining villages. The matter is now before Grand Lodge, and should be dealt with.

As Algoma District is nine hundred miles in extent, the District Master suggests that Nickel Lodge, Algoma District, held at Sudbury, should be attached to an Eastern District.

The District Master of Niagara wants Enniskillen, 185, attached to, Hamilton.

The District Master of Frontenac reports that on account of amalgamation and surrender of warrants, his district has been greatly weakened, and that an equalization of lodges in Prince Edward, Frontenac and St. Lawrence, should be brought about by adding to his district Craig, 402 from the West, and Lansdowne, 387; Harmony, 370, and Arthur, 85, from the East, all of which are passed by him in visiting Simpson, 157, at Newboro'.

By adopting above suggestions, the three districts would be represented as follows: Prince Edward would have 13 lodges, with a membership of 1,200; Frontenac would have 18 lodges, with a membership of 1,000, and St. Lawrence would have 19 lodges, with a membership of 1,000. Before making any change, the adjoining districts, St. Lawrence and Prince Edward, should be consulted. At all events, the matter is entitled to consideration of Grand Lodge.

INSURANCE.

The advice given in former reports that business habits and rules are as necessary in Masonic bodies as in other institutions has been heeded, and in consequence thereof the improvement under this heading is highly gratifying.

DISPENSATIONS.

St. John's Day is now properly recognized throughout the jurisdiction. Nearly all the District Masters have been called on for dispensa-

tions to attend Divine Service in Masonic clothing. This is a step in the right direction, as our organization has been greatly blessed during the year. It is therefore becoming and proper that we should show our gratitude to Almighty God for all His favors and blessings.

D.D.G.M.'S EXPENSES.

Complaints have been received from several districts on above question, and Grand Lodge is asked to devise some means by which an equitable assessment may be imposed on each lodge, payable to Grand Lodge, who will pay the District Masters on receiving assurances that the visits were made.

The dignity of the Grand Master's representatives should be preserved. They should not be placed in the humiliating position of having to go hat in hand for the payment of their expenses. True, our Constitution provides that subordinate lodges should pay their expenses, but no means are furnished to insist on compliance of same. The Constitution is placed in the hands of the District Master, and thus armed he is left to his own sweet will as to the best means of enforcing same. The position is humiliating, and one that no sensitive man will assume, and in consequence, various District Masters not only give their time and best energies to our work, but in the discharge of their duties have to expend money, which mayhap be needed in the maintenance of his family, or the carrying on of his business. This is no overdrawn picture, and in this era of our prosperity the brethren to whom we are indebted greatly for such a blessing should not be neglected.

Hear what the District Master of Ontario says: "The expense system is a delusion, and does not show marked ability in its construction. The weak and struggling lodges pay, or are supposed to pay, as much as the healthy and prosperous ones. Some will pay as a matter of business, others as a charity, and others do not pay at all."

While the Toronto District Master writes: "Now that my term of office has expired, I can speak with more freedom on the subject. I know that the lodges are not entirely to blame in the matter. Some D.D.G.M.'s have refused to accept expenses when offered to them. I took entirely different grounds on this question, and in every case, when asked how much my expenses were, I counted them up as a matter of business. I know that there are many brethren in the district who are mentally well qualified for the position, but who are debarred from accepting it in consequence of the expense attached, and a man should not be put in the position of having to ask for what the Constitution plainly says should be done."

But notwithstanding his business ideas on the subject, only 12 lodges out of 38 paid their share of the expenses. Would it not be advisable for Grand Lodge to reconsider this matter, particularly when requested by faithful officers who have made so many sacrifices for the Order? It is to be hoped that satisfaction will be given.

GRAND LODGE RULES.

Several District Masters call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that some of the Worshipful Masters consider the yearly Proceedings of Grand Lodge their private property, and that the members of the lodges have not an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the affairs of their own lodge or of their own district. It is advisable that the Grand Secretary have printed on the cover of the Proceedings an intimation that same is the property of private lodges, and should be read therein.]

Attention is also drawn to the use in lodges of old by-laws which are now inconsistent with Grand Lodge rulings and constitution. It is suggested that Grand Lodge appoint a committee to frame standard by-laws for use in all lodges.

DEATHS.

During the last year death has made serious inroads in our ranks. Some of our most talented brethren have been taken from their labors to the Grand Lodge above. Their familiar faces are missed, and their cheery welcome voices are lost to mortal hearing, but their memories can never be effaced from our minds. Every district sends us names to swell the sorrowful roll. Among the prominent names are those of Most Worshipful Brother Otto Klotz, of Preston; of Right Worshipful Brothers Edward Mitchell and David McLellan, of Hamilton, and S. B. Harman, of Toronto, whose bodies were followed to their last resting place by large concourses of brethren, as well as by thousands of citizens who loved, honored, and respected them. The Committee appointed by Grand Lodge will do fitting honor to the memories of all our departed brethren. The advice regarding the attendance at Masonic funerals, given by the Hamilton District Master, is timely and should be taken to heart by all. He urges the absolute necessity of a more general and better attendance of the Craft at all Masonic funerals, not only of rulers in the Craft, but of the humble and quiet brother, whose funeral the lodge should consider it their serious duty to attend. Under this heading the Board desire to approve of the action of Ivy Lodge, 115, Beamsville, in not only attending divine service on St. John's Day, but in decorating the graves of deceased brethren, thus showing to the world that although our brethren are gone from us they are still held in fond remembrance. The action is worthy of emulation by all our lodges, and will, we trust, be of annual occurrence.

CONCLUSION.

Our annual task is now ended. We have endeavored faithfully and honestly to portray the condition of Masonry within our borders. It is a pleasure to note that remedies proposed in prior reports have been adopted in many instances with beneficial results. Grand Lodge is prosperous, and the Craftsmen are working in love and harmony. Prosperity will surely continue as long as you possess faithful and efficient officers who, with fidelity to the cause, are willing to make sacrifices for the purpose of earning for the Craft in Ontario the respect and admiration of the world.

May God bless and prosper you all.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

BRETHREN,—For a few moments we cease from the discussion of affairs relating to the Craft, and turn our minds from the thought of business,

and with sad and aching hearts enter upon the contemplation of the ravages that death has made in our ranks, and to-day recall to memory the faces and forms of our fraternal dead. How busy the "grim destroyer" has been during the past year. Look round this Grand Lodge, and the brethren who were the most familiar to us are absent. Why are they not here? Because "after life's fitful fever they sleep; yea, they are sleeping the sleep from which no slumberer e'er awakes." Brethren, death is a sad circumstance. Oh, how we try to break the force of its power by weaving beautiful flowers into magnificent, costly and unique garlands to lay around our beloved ones; or we endeavor to lessen its intensity by words of eulogy or pathetic poetry; yet, after we have done all this, we still recognize how terrible death is, in that it brings separation; and though we hope that our brethren have reached a peaceful harbor "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," we cannot but feel sad when we reflect that they are no longer here to cheer us with their kindly words and cheerful faces; that they are not with us to give us advice and assist us to make our lives happier, nobler and better. What a distinguished coterie of our brethren have passed into the shadow-land during the past year—brethren who have been identified with the Grand Lodge for years, who year after year have thrilled us with their eloquence, who legislated for the Craft, who endeavored by their lives to prove that Masonry is beneficial to every man—they have crossed the silent river never to return. Chief among the number is our late esteemed Treasurer, R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell. What tender recollections the mention of this name will awaken in the hearts of all. No one occupied such a place in our affections as "Ned" Mitchell, as he was glad to be called; who can ever forget his magnetic personality, his genial disposition, his kindly face, his words of cheer and counsel, his unequalled powers of eloquent speech? How many of us have been stirred into greater activity in the Craft by hearing him speak? We have all been awakened to a higher sense of our duty to one another after listening to him who was born an orator. He served the Craft faithfully. He lived in the sunshine of the love of his brethren, and mistaking the loud acclamations of praise of his brethren for a lullaby he fell asleep to be awakened by the words, "well done good and faithful servant."

O, for a tongue to utter
The words that should be said,
Of his worth that was silver lining,
That is gold and Jasper dead.

Dead, but the death was fitting!
His life to the latest breath
Was poured like wax to the chart of right,
And is sealed by the stamp of death.

Dead, but the death was fitting!
First in the rank he led,
And he marks the height of the Craft's gain
As he lies in his harness, dead.

But even with this great sacrifice, death, the relentless, was not satisfied, and soon the Craft were again called to mourn the loss of a great and good man in the person of R. W. Bro. David McLellan. Oh, how "our little Davie" was loved! the life-long friend of R. W. Bro. Mitchell. How fitting it was that they should pass together into "the unknown land"! "In life they were steadfast; in death they were not divided." R. W. Bro. McLellan was an upright man and a Mason. Honor after honor was heaped upon him by the Craft, by the citizens

of Hamilton, and by other organizations outside the Craft to which he belonged, yet he maintained always the same quiet, unassuming, peaceful demeanor. He endeavored in every way to show the world the beauty and grandeur of Masonic teaching. His exemplary life was an inspiration to his brethren to live nearer and closer to the tenets of our beloved Craft, and it was also an example to the general public of what it is to be a true Mason. Our brother adhered to duty, to truth, to rectitude, to right, and, becoming weary, sank peacefully to rest. By his life he taught; by his death we learn the Craftsman's creed. Craftsmen, here was a teacher, and the lesson he taught was good. There are no classes or races, but one human brotherhood. There are no creeds to be outlawed; no color of skin declared. Mankind is one in its rights and wrongs—one right, one hope, one guard. The right to be free and the hope to be just, and the guard against selfish greed. And richest of all are the unseen wreaths on his coffin lid, laid down by the toil-stained hands of the brethren, their sob, their kiss and their crown.

We also deplore the loss of M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz. He was present at every Communication of Grand Lodge, and, as Chairman of the Board of Benevolence, had a difficult position to fill; yet he endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties appertaining to the office, and though it was his desire that the worthy widows and indigent brethren should always receive the grant allowed by Grand Lodge, he took every precaution against giving aid to those unworthy of Masonic charity. Grand Lodge, recognizing his services, bestowed upon him the honorary rank of P.G.M., and presented him with a regalia befitting the honor. It is worthy of note that his children and grandchildren are following in his footsteps, and are true and sincere Masons. Our brother died in the evening of life, after long, faithful and earnest services. Long will he be remembered by us, and we may, respecting him, remark:

"There is no death, what seems so, is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call death."

Brethren of the London District miss V.W. Bro. Thomas Brock, who was known throughout the district on account of his charitable acts and his love of the Craft.

R. W. Bro. Joseph B. Hall, and V. W. Bro. Walter Paterson, of Ontario District, and R. W. Bros. J. F. H. Gunn, of District No. 5, and S. B. Harman, of No. 11 District, are also among those who are numbered with the fraternal dead.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who have suffered bereavement, and we recommend that the names of the brethren mentioned above be inscribed on the mourning page of our proceedings.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE C. DAVIS, *Acting Chairman*,
Sub-Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals, all of which have been duly considered, and the conclusions arrived at are embodied in the report, in detail, upon each case, as follows:—

In the matter of Lorne Lodge, No. 377, *vs* Bro. Wm. Isaac Degeer. (See G. L. Proceedings, 1891, p. 207,) the Board have been furnished with evidence that Bro. Degeer has been duly summoned to show cause, at this communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft. Bro. Degeer has not appeared, either personally or by counsel, and the Board therefore recommend that he be expelled from the Craft.

In the matter of St. John's Lodge, No. 82, *vs* Bro. George Davidson: Bro. Davidson is charged with seduction. The Board find that Bro. Davidson has been duly tried by his lodge, found guilty and sentenced to indefinite suspension. St John's Lodge also asks Grand Lodge to expel Bro. Davidson from the Craft. Under the circumstances of the case, the Board consider no further action necessary.

In the matter of Georgina Lodge, No. 343 *vs* Bro. Murdoch Seth Chapman: Bro. Chapman was charged with grossly immoral conduct, tried by his lodge and sentenced to suspension for an indefinite period. His case is also referred to Grand Lodge for expulsion. The Board recommend that Bro. Chapman be summoned to show cause, at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

In the matter of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, *vs* Bro. Fred E. P. Aldrich: Bro. Aldrich is charged with unmasonic conduct in having lived with a certain woman in adultery, also in having lived in adultery with the aforesaid woman, knowing her to be a Mason's daughter. In this case the papers laid before the Board are very regular, clear and definite, and the charges appear to be fully proven. He was suspended indefinitely and recommended to G. L. for expulsion. The Board recommend that Bro. Aldrich be summoned to show cause, at the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Hugh Fitzsimmons *vs* Wellington Lodge, No. 46: In this case the Board recommend that the proceedings of the lodge be set aside for informality, and that the case be remanded to the said Wellington Lodge for further and proper proceedings.

In the matter of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, *vs* Bro. S. D. Williams: Bro. Williams is charged with unmasonic conduct in having carnal connection with and maliciously vilifying the character of a certain lady, and also having made grossly false statements with reference to a brother Master Mason. Bro. Williams was duly tried by his lodge, found guilty and sentenced to suspension for a period of three years. The case was referred to Grand Lodge for the expulsion of Bro. Williams. The Board recommend that Bro. S. D. Williams be summoned to show cause, at the next regular communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

The Board, in the matter of Markham Lodge, No. 87, *vs* Orient Lodge, No. 339, recommend that Orient Lodge make an offer of the sum

of sixty-three dollars to Markham Lodge, in full settlement of the matters in dispute before them to the present. The question of the dividing line between these districts will no longer be a cause of friction, nor need it be defined as recommended by the Board last year, as Acacia Lodge has been established between Markham and Orient Lodges, and new boundaries have been necessarily created.

All of which is fraternally submitted

J. H. BURRITT,

Chairman Sub-Com. on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the following supplementary

REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, beg leave to report thereon as follows:—

The movement for a Grand Lodge in New Zealand was commenced in 1876, but was abandoned until 1889, in which year a New Zealand Masonic Union was formed for the purpose of agitating and discussing the question. In July, 1889, ninety-two lodges out of the 140 lodges in New Zealand working under all constitutions, had announced their intentions to join in the formation of the new body. In September, 1889, a convention of delegates met and adopted a Declaration of Independence, and a basis of union of the lodges working under different jurisdictions.

In October, 1889, the Governor of the colony, Bro. the Earl of Onslow, was solicited to accept the position of Grand Master, but declined because the majority of 92 out of 140 lodges was not large enough. In March, 1890, another meeting of delegates was held. The Governor was again approached with an offer of 100 lodges in the new body. After cabling to England, he announced that 100 lodges was not sufficient, but if they could get 120 lodges, he would accept the Grand Mastership.

Precisely what difference in principle there is between 100 and 120 lodges out of 144 your Board have been unable to determine.

On the 29th April, 1890, the new Grand Lodge was formed at Christchurch by a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the colony. A Constitution was adopted, the officers were elected and installed, and numerous congratulatory addresses were delivered. Bro. Henry Thom-

son, who was the District Grand Master under the English Constitution, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Rev. W. Donaldson was elected Grand Secretary.

Your Board desire to congratulate the Brethren of New Zealand upon their successful establishment of so strong a local governing body, and as everything appears to have been done properly and in good order, we recommend that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that the interchange of representatives be requested.

All which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved.—That the Supplementary Report on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

PENAL JURISDICTION.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, seconded by Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved.—That clause No. 167 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding after the word "jurisdiction," in the fourth line, "and are not members of a lodge having concurrent jurisdiction."

REGULATIONS DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS OF GRAND LODGE.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved.—That the following be substituted for Section 35, page 26, Book of Constitution, and that any other Section, or part of Section, that may be inconsistent therewith be repealed:

35. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business at the first session of the Annual Communication:

- I. Reading and confirming the minutes of previous Communications.
- II. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address.
- III. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.
- IV. Presentation of reports of D.D.G.M.'s and referring them to Board of General Purposes.
- V. Presentation of the reports of the Board of General Purposes, and dealing therewith in the following order:
 - (a) On warrants.
 - (b) On audit and finance.
 - (c) On benevolence.
 - (d) On grievances and appeals.
 - (e) On condition of Masonry.
 - (f) On jurisprudence.
 - (g) On constitution and laws.
 - (h) On printing and supplies.
 - (i) On foreign correspondence.
- VI. Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Credentials.
- VII. Presentation of the Reports of Special Committees.
- VIII. Motions in their order, and notices of motion.
- IX. Unfinished business.
- X. Nomination of officers.

At all other sessions of Grand Lodge the order of business shall be:

1. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.
2. Unfinished business from previous session.
3. Consideration of reports in the order in which they are presented.
4. Presentation of reports of the Board of General Purposes.
5. Presentation of reports of Special Committees.
6. Motions, general business.
7. Election of officers at first session of the second day.

The "order of business" shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each session, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-third vote of Grand Lodge, and not otherwise

BALLOT ON ANY QUESTION.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved—That the last paragraph of section 36, page 26, Book of Constitution, be amended to read as follows:—

"But any brother may, while Grand Lodge is in session, rise in his place and openly demand a ballot on any question not otherwise provided for, after the discussion has been closed, and immediately after an open vote has been taken. On demand for a ballot being made such vote shall be taken before the transaction or consideration of any other business."

OF GRAND MASTER.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the following be substituted for Section 55 of the Constitution: "An appeal against any ruling or decision of the Grand Master or acting Grand Master may be made to Grand Lodge. When a brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master, or acting Grand Master, while Grand Lodge is in session, he shall state shortly the grounds of his appeal. The Grand Master, or acting Grand Master, shall then state the reasons for his decision, if he thinks it is necessary to do so, after which, without further debate, the Grand Master or acting Grand Master shall put the question, 'Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?' When the vote has been taken, the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced"

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CERTAIN ANNUITANTS.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Certain Annuitants, to whom was referred the matter of special grants, beg leave to report that the circumstances of each of the beneficiaries have been fully enquired into, and that with the exception of Mrs. Wilson they are almost entirely dependent upon the benevolence of Grand Lodge, and we therefore recommend as follows: The continuance of the same grants to the Misses Harris and Miss Wilson, and that the amount granted to Mrs. Wilson be \$75 per year in future, to be paid quarterly as usual. The information received is of such a character to warrant the Board in recommending a continuance of the grants made above.

Faternally submitted,

THOS. SARGANT,
Chairman Special Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on Certain Annuitants be received and adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, as President of the Board of General Purposes, gave notice that to-morrow he would move that the sum of \$500 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge towards the relief of Masons who are sufferers by reason of the recent disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland.

REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

V.W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, on behalf of the Committee, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee on the Celebration of the Centenary of Freemasonry in Upper Canada beg to report that they met in accordance with instructions from the Grand Master, and decided upon a celebration to be held in Toronto on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and that a careful estimate of the expenses shows that the sum of at least twelve hundred dollars would be required to carry out this programme in a manner befitting the dignity of Grand Lodge. They therefore ask Grand Lodge to subscribe \$1,000 to the Guarantee Fund, the unexpended balance, if any, to be returned to Grand Lodge.

G. S. RYERSON,

Secretary of the Centennial Committee.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson, seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm Roaf,

That the Report of the Centennial Committee be received and adopted.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge, and declared *lost*.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 21st July, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 21st July, A.D. 1892.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11 a.m.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

GRAND OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives to this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 344 warranted lodges on the Grand Register; 193 lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers; 96 are represented by proxy; and 55 lodges are unrepresented for the purposes of voting. There are 706 names registered, having a total vote of 1349. There are three lodges working under dispensation.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. B. HUNGERFORD, }
WILLIAM ROAF, } *Committee.*
JAMES GREENFIELD, }

It was moved by R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved, That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers, and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, namely: W. Bros. E. S. Wigle, A. A. S. Ardagh, Wm. Forbes, Isaac Waterman, Rev. J. M. Gunne, S. J. Sanford, F. F. Dalley, E. T. Shaw, N. B. Colcock, James Old, W. J. Graham and Wm. Rea.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected office-bearers for the ensuing term, namely:

M.W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q.C.	..... Hamilton	..... Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C.	..... Pembroke	..... Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. R. W. Barker	..... London	..... Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Bro. George Inglis	..... Owen Sound	..... Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Fairlie	..... Meaford	..... Grand Chaplain.
M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray	..... Hamilton	..... Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Bro. F. F. Manley	..... Toronto	..... Grand Registrar.
R.W. Bro. J. J. Mason	..... Hamilton	..... Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
Bro. John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M.W. the Grand Master, viz:—

R.W. Bro. H. F. Jell	..... Rodney	..... Erie	District No.	1
R.W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, M.D.	..... Wyoming	..... St. Clair	"	2
R.W. Bro. Alex. Hess	..... St. Thomas	..... London	"	3
R.W. Bro. Joseph Beck	..... Goderich	..... South Huron	"	4
R.W. Bro. J. A. Morton	..... Wingham	..... North Huron	"	5
R.W. Bro. E. G. Wells	..... Simcoe	..... Wilton	"	6
R.W. Bro. Alfred Taylor	..... Galt	..... Wellington	"	7
R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	..... Hamilton	..... Hamilton	"	8
R.W. Bro. Charles Pye	..... Clarksburg	..... Georgian	"	9
R.W. Bro. W. D. Garner	..... Niagara Falls S.	..... Niagara	"	10
R.W. Bro. Harry A. Collins	..... Toronto	..... Toronto	"	11
R.W. Bro. W. J. Robertson	..... Port Hope	..... Ontario	"	12
R.W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, M.D.	..... Consecon	..... Prince Edward	"	13
R.W. Bro. Geo. Sommerville	..... Kingston	..... Frontenac	"	14
R.W. Bro. C. W. Bullock	..... Lyn	..... St. Lawrence	"	15
R.W. Bro. R. A. Klock	..... Klock's Mills	..... Ottawa	"	16
R.W. Bro. W. H. Hearst	..... Sault St. Marie	..... Algoma	"	17
R.W. Bro. Isaac Huber	..... Bracebridge	..... Nipissing	"	18

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz:—

FOR TWO YEARS.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford	..... London.
R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	..... Toronto.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibbs, M. P.	..... Beamsville.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler	..... Ingersoll.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	..... London.

FOR ONE YEAR.

R. W. Bro. T. Sargent	..... Toronto.
R. W. Bro. Hugh Walker	..... Guelph.

Subsequently, the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz.:—

R. W. Bro. De Witt H. Martyn, M.D.....	Kincardine.
R. W. Bro. C. R. Church, M.D.....	Ottawa.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	Barrie.
R. W. Bro. J. E. D'Avignon.....	Windsor.
R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinso.....	Kingston.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON DISTRICTS 9 AND 16.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The sub-committee appointed under the resolution of Grand Lodge, passed at the annual communication of Grand Lodge held in the year 1891, referring to the Division of Districts Nos. 9 and 16, and the erection of a new district, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That a portion of Districts Nos. 9, 16 and 17 be detached, and that a new district be formed, to be numbered 18, and be called Nipissing.

2. That District No. 18 be bounded as follows: On the south, by a line drawn midway between the towns of Orillia and Gravenhurst, from a point on the shore of Georgian Bay to the westerly boundary of District No. 12. On the east, by a line from said point, following the westerly limit of District No. 12 northerly from the point of intersection to the northerly limit of District No. 12, thence by a line running northerly midway between the towns of Mattawa and North Bay to the boundary of the Province of Ontario. On the north, by the northern boundary of the Province of Ontario, and on the west by a line drawn from a point on the shore of St. Mary's River, where it empties into Lake Huron, thence north to the northern boundary of the province. And your committee would also recommend that Manitoulin Island and the adjacent islands in Lake Huron be attached to District No. 18, and form a part thereof.

3. That the following lodges be included in the said District No. 18, viz.:

Golden Rule, No. 409.....	Gravenhurst.
Muskoka, No. 360.....	Bracebridge.
Unity, No. 376.....	Huntsville.
Strong, No. 423.....	Sundridge.
Granite, No. 352.....	Parry Sound.
Nipissing, No. 420.....	North Bay.
Nickel, No. 427.....	Sudbury.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,
Chairman of Sub-Com.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the Division of Districts Nos. 9 and 16 be received and adopted.

GRANT TO ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem,

That the sum of \$500 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge towards the relief of Masons who are sufferers by reason of the recent disastrous fire at St. John's Newfoundland.

It was moved in amendment by W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, seconded by V.W. Bro. George Gott,

That Grand Lodge donate the sum of \$1,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the St. John's fire, \$500 of said sum to be specially applied for the relief of Masons, and the other \$500 to the General Relief Fund.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

The original resolution was then put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried*.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

M.W. Bro. W. G. Bell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was announced, introduced, and welcomed with Grand Honors.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives presented their credentials, which were accepted, and the representatives saluted with Grand Honors, namely:

V.W. Bro. G. S. Ryerson.....	For the Grand Lodge of California.
R.W. Bro. W. R. White.....	For the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
R.W. Bro. G. C. Davis.....	For the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
R.W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt.....	For the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion, it was resolved that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Ottawa.

BENEVOLENT GRANTS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That the sum of \$7,600 be appropriated towards the payment of the grants recommended by the Board of General Purposes.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

It was moved by Bro. M. W. Henry Robertson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge of Canada has learned with the deepest regret of the death of M. W. Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and who at one time was a highly esteemed officer of this Grand Lodge.

And this Grand Lodge desires to tender to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

In reviewing the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Board have followed the course adopted last year of assigning to the several standing committees of the Board, for special consideration, those portions of the Address having a direct bearing on, or relationship to, the work of these committees respectively. This method of procedure, though not unattended by some inconvenience, has the advantage of

resulting in a report being submitted to Grand Lodge, which is more than the offspring of a single pen, or than a merely general re-echoing of the Address. In other words, the food for consideration annually supplied by the Grand Master, is in the first place, digested by the appropriate standing committees, and, so far as the same has not been rejected as unpalatable, is presented to Grand Lodge in an assimilated form.

It is with pleasure that the Board again refer in terms of the highest commendation, to the clear and lucid, and, at times, eloquent language in which the Grand Master has framed his Annual Deliverance. Even a cursory perusal of the document must satisfy anyone that the business of Grand Lodge, and the best interests of the Craft, have formed almost the constant and exclusive subject of his watchful care and solicitude during his term of office. His enthusiasm has led him into a careful study and investigation of all departments of Masonic business, and it would have been difficult to suggest anything which might have been done by him that has been left undone. The phenomenal number of visits to subordinate lodges, and the numerous lectures on Masonic subjects delivered by him, during the year, constitute a record which, in this jurisdiction at least, is without a parallel in the past, and is not likely to be repeated in the future. Undoubtedly much time and labor have been spent on Grand Lodge work that are not expected from our Grand Masters. It has, however, been a labor of love, and even though some might be found who do not fully approve of continual manifestations of restless zeal in every conceivable direction, all will admit that, on the whole, the work done has been of immense value to Grand Lodge and Craft.

Grand Lodge is not invited by the Address to any practical consideration of constitutional changes in the direction of curtailing the voting power of Past Masters, nor do the Board think it desirable at this time to give expression to any views or make any recommendation in connection with this part of the Address. The question is a large one, and whether in the future the apportionment of voting power as between the direct representatives of lodges, on the one hand, and Past Masters on the other hand, may or may not become a live subject of discussion with practical ends in view, the observations of the Grand Master, evidently the result of much consideration and enquiry, are full of interest, and afford material for careful thought.

The vigorously worded remarks of the Grand Master on Corner Stone Ceremonies are a proper reflection upon the weakness of humanity as it exists outside the Craft, but the Board do not see their way to review the recommendations of last year by excluding churches from the list of buildings which may, in their incipient stage, receive a Masonic benediction.

The Grand Master's observations regarding the D.D.G.M's. reports are in singular contrast with the eulogistic references to these important officers found in the Report on the Condition of Masonry already confirmed by Grand Lodge. The District Masters seem to the Board to be entitled to the highest commendation for the manner in which their duties have been performed.

The decisions of the Grand Master during the year, as set forth in the Grand Secretary's Report, have not been referred to the Board for confirmation, and the same have not been considered. It is, therefore, suggested that these decisions be not printed in the Proceedings.

The Board recommend for approval and confirmation the appointment of representatives to and from the several Grand Lodges mentioned in the address.

The Board are quite in accord with the suggestions that the Ritual for the Institution and Consecration of Lodges, as well as the Burial Service, should receive revision at the earliest opportunity.

The thorough revision of the benevolent grants of Grand Lodge must impart increased confidence in the efficient administration of this important branch of Grand Lodge work. R. W. Bro. Nixon's investigation into the circumstances connected with the several grants, and his reports thereon, have been of great value. It is admitted on all hands that this work, somewhat delicate and difficult in its nature, has been admirably performed. The Board recommend that a copy of R. W. Bro. Nixon's report in detail on individual applicants be filed in the Grand Secretary's office for future reference.

The proposition laid down by the Grand Master that relief should not be granted by Grand Lodge to applicants residing in foreign countries, where no supervision can be exercised, nor to unaffiliated Masons, is concurred in, and the reference to the successful results of the operations of the General Masonic Relief Association will be received with general satisfaction. All will hail with pleasure even a partial abatement of the Masonic Tramp System.

The Board very cheerfully recommend compliance with the Grand Master's suggestion that the allowance of \$500 at his credit for the Masonic year 1890-91, and the further sum of of \$500 as representing his expenses for the year 1891-92, together making \$1,000, be paid to the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children. This is one of the most meritorious of our numerous admirable charitable institutions, and our M. W. Grand Master is its most liberal benefactor. The free enjoyment of the privileges of this Hospital, including the Lakeside Branch, having been by him secured for all time to come for the children of members of the Craft in this jurisdiction, Grand Lodge will feel a natural pride and pleasure in being associated with the Grand Master in his proposed further munificent donation to this important charity.

In cases of brethren of defunct lodges, who were in good standing at the time of the withdrawal of warrants, it is recommended that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be empowered from time to time to fix the sums to be paid by such brethren for certificates enabling them to affiliate with other lodges.

The Board congratulate Grand Lodge upon the financial statements which are referred to in the Address. They concur in the suggestion that an official cheque should be issued in place of the present order, said cheque to be signed by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and countersigned by the President of the Board, and payable at any agency of the bank in which the Grand Lodge account is kept.

It is also recommended that tenders for printing and supplies be asked for during the coming year, such tenders to be opened at the next annual meeting of the Board in 1893, by the President of the Board, or the Committee on Printing and Supplies.

The time is opportune for the adoption of an improved system of bookkeeping in connection with the benevolent grants of Grand Lodge, and the Board recommend that the Chairman of this Committee, with the Chairman of Finance, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be authorized to formulate the same.

In conclusion, the Board take pleasure in congratulating the Grand Master on the various evidences of progress and improvement referred to by him in connection with the general business and interests of the Craft in this jurisdiction. At the end of a second term of office it must be exceedingly gratifying to him that he has been enabled to point

to newly awakened zeal in localities where Masonry had become chronically dormant ; to progress in the exemplification of lodge work ; to improvement in lodge rooms occupied by the Craft, and various other hopeful features by him referred to. It is in no spirit of mere flattery that our M.W. Bro. is assured that this gratification is fully shared in by his brethren of Grand Lodge, and every member of our Craft within the jurisdiction will heartily join with the Board in expressing the wish that M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson will be long spared to continue the work which he has for some years past been so actively engaged in. Whether as the presiding officer of Grand Lodge, or in any other position of Masonic usefulness, he can be safely relied on to continue to be a busy man. That is the way he is built. No one would wish him to be other than what he is. His name will for all time occupy a high and distinguished place among the eminent rulers of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. GIBSON,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Address of the M.W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, assisted by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :—

V. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh	Toronto	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning	Pembroke	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. D. Bole	Sault Ste. Marie	Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. Samuel Wesley	Barrie	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. F. W. Randall	Guelph	Asst. Grand Dir. Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. W. J. Grant	Hamilton	Assist. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. James Evans	Port Hope	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. John Hewton	Kingston	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. P. Buckley	Paris	Asst. Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. John Newton	Belleville	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. John J. Stalker	West Lorne	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. B. Saunders	Farmersville	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. James M. Wilson	Wyoming	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John Z. Long	St. Thomas	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Hugh Spackman	Exeter	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Fell	Wingham	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. R. Campbell	Thorold	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. Daniel Rose	Toronto	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. James Wamsley	Warton	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. William M. Gowan	Parry Sound	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. John Morrison	Ingersoll	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. S. W. Flagler	Wellington	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Houston	Smith's Falls	Grand Standard Bearer.
V. W. Bro. Robert Charlton	Toronto	Grand Standard Bearer.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. J. ROSS ROBERTSON.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis, and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of the high and responsible office of Grand Master during the past two years.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q. C., Chairman, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone as the Committee.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the London Lodges for the satisfactory arrangement made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 6 o'clock p.m., in *ample form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1892, AND

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on Festival of St. John

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master	Secretary.
2	Niagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m.	John Redhead.	Sam'l Campbell
3	a Th. An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday	W. J. Wilson	Jno. Southland
5	a Sussex	Brockville	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. K. Dewey	Jonathan Greene
6	Barton	Hamilton	2nd Monday	F. B. Ross	Geo. E. Mason
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m.	David Sykes	Andrew Baird
9	Union	Napanee	F. on or b.f.m.	W. F. Gerou	Rob. L. Henry
10	a Norfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. S. Wood	W. P. Kelley
11	a Moira	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m.	W. C. Mickel	Cnas. P. Hunter
14	a True Britons	Perth	1st Monday	Thomas Elliott	W. A. Moore
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Connor	George Parke
16	a St. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	Thomas Bell	F. S. Spence
17	St. John's	Cobourg	M. on or b.f.m.	A. R. Hargraft	F. H. Lauder
18	a Prince Edward	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. R. Leavins	Hiram Welbanks
20	a St. John's	London	Second Tues.	John Smith	M. D. Dawson
21a	a St. John's	Vankleek Hill	F. on or b.f.m.	And. R. Metcalf	Sias D. Grout
22	a King Solomon's	Toronto	2nd Thursday	W. H. Scott	Aubrey White
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	M. on or b.f.m.	H. A. Nicholls	T. F. McMahon
24	a St. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m.	Sam. N. Percival	Stewart Moug
25	a Ionic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Walter Barwick	W. Geo. Eakins
26	a Ontario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	J. W. Quinlan	W. J. Robertson
27	a St. Observance	Hamilton	3rd Tuesday	J. H. Herring	W. C. Morton
28	a Mount Zion	Kemptville	W. before f.m.	Oliver Bascom	W. H. Bothum
29	a United	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. J. Wade M. D.	T. J. Wright
30	a Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	A. G. Henderson	Robert Willis
31	a Jerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m.	John B. Mitchell	John Keachie
32	a Amity	Dunville	W. on or b.f.m.	T. A. Congdon	R. A. Harrison
33	a Maitland	Go. Jerich	2nd Tuesday	Robert Park	W. A. Rhyas
34	a Thistle	Amherstburg	Tu. bef. f.m.	W. T. Wilkinson	Richard Elliott
35	a St. John's	Cayuga	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. R. Powell	C. C. Gibson
37	a King Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	J. P. Boe's	W. A. Sudworth
38	a Trent	Trenton	Tu. bef. f.m.	D. J. Walker Jr.	W. O. Lott
39	a Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tu. on or a.f.m.	Francis Scott	R. C. Warren
40	a St. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	John Moodie	J. B. Turner
41	a St. George's	Kingsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Lewy Case	Geo. Rumble
42	a St. George's	London	First Wed.	T. H. Luscombe	A. Ellis Jr.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	Thos. E. West	Geo. J. Fraser
44	a St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	J. Wallis	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	S. F. Passmore	I. J. Birchard
46	a Wellington	Chatham	1st Monday	A. H. Von Gunten	James Birch
47	a Great Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m.	James Weir	G. T. Witkie
48	a Madoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. H. Watson	James O'Hara
50	a Consecration	Consecration	F. on or b.f.m.	D. T. S. Paill	D. P. Cory
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	First Tuesday	B. F. Bolton	C. S. Scott
54	a Vaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. Rumble	C. H. Keffer
55	a Merrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. W. Watchorn	Thomas Culbert
56	a Victoria	Sarnia	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. M. Grant	C. Mole
57	a Harmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m.	John A. Jackson	J. F. Senn
58	a Doric	Ottawa	First Friday	R. W. Stephen	Chas. A. Abbott
61	a Acacia	Hamilton	Second Friday	S. H. Kent	Lyman Lee
62	a St. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m.	John Thompson	W. Galer
63	a St. John's	Carleton Place	W. on or b.f.m.	W. M. Dunham	John Rushworth
64	a Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	A. A. Campbell	John Overell
65	a Rehoboth	Toronto	First Thursday	Angus Macbean	D. D. Grierson
66	a Durham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. B. Bellwood	E. Simmons
68	a St. John's	Ingersoll	Third Friday	Wm. Parle	Wm. Ewart
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	John Shaw	C. F. Bourdman
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	J. W. Porteous	A. Bisset Thom
73	a St. James	St. Mary's	First Monday	F. P. Riddell	W. J. Giles
74	a St. James	Maitland	M. nearest f.m.	Wm. Simpson	C. B. Murray
75	St. Johns	Toronto	First Monday	C. A. Matthews	Joseph Tomlinson
76	a Oxford	Woodstock	Second Wed.	A. M. Clark	W. T. Wilkinson
77	a Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	First Friday	G. H. M. Baker	G. S. Patrick
78	a King Hiram	Gilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m.	James McIntosh	W. J. Wilkins

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31st MAY, 1892.

the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Rai- sed.	Joined.	Wid h.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expeld.	Rest'd.	Total Membs.	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
2	...	1	1	1	2	2	...	1	...	...	38	Dec. '91	...	...	29 00
3	5	3	7	10	3	3	1	...	...	...	139	Dec. '91	...	...	109 25
5	...	1	1	1	4	4	5	...	...	...	130	Dec. '91	...	4 00	86 00
6	11	13	13	5	...	5	...	...	1	...	302	Dec. '91	...	...	205 25
7	5	5	5	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	60	Jun. '91	...	...	19 00
9	3	3	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	88	Dec. '91	...	...	57 0
10	4	4	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	67	Dec. '91	20 50	...	65 25
11	16	14	14	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	122	Dec. '91	...	...	117 50
14	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	84	Dec. '91	...	...	48 25
15	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	1	...	92	Jun. '91	...	...	50 00
16	7	6	3	5	1	4	5	...	...	...	193	Jun. '91	...	...	3 00
17	3	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	58	Dec. '91	...	...	34 75
18	2	2	3	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	144	Dec. '91	...	...	92 00
20	7	6	6	2	1	3	4	...	5	...	131	Dec. '91	...	...	82 50
21a	4	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	1	...	44	Dec. '91	...	...	38 00
22	14	16	16	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	166	Dec. '91	...	...	122 50
23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	Jun. '91	...	...	...
24	5	6	6	...	2	2	3	...	...	...	66	Dec. '91	...	...	52 50
25	10	8	7	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	181	Dec. '91	...	...	122 00
26	6	4	4	1	...	2	2	...	1	...	49	Dec. '91	...	...	68 50
27	8	11	11	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	240	Dec. '91	...	...	153 25
28	3	4	5	1	5	1	2	...	1	...	33	Dec. '91	...	...	36 75
29	5	7	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	Dec. '91	...	...	47 75
30	13	13	11	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	79	Dec. '91	...	...	67 75
31	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	59	Dec. '91	...	4 00	41 75
32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	Jun. '91	14 00	...	48 0
33	...	...	...	1	2	2	7	...	...	...	78	Dec. '91	...	4 00	42 00
34	3	3	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	41	Jun. '91	...	...	34 00
35	2	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	28	Dec. '91	...	...	37 50
37	8	6	4	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	68	Dec. '91	...	...	48 00
38	7	6	3	1	4	...	4	...	2	...	62	Jun. '91	...	...	35 50
39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	Jun. '91	...	...	42 25
40	1	14	14	4	1	8	1	...	1	...	309	Dec. '91	...	...	166 75
41	3	2	2	...	1	1	6	...	...	...	76	Dec. '91	...	...	53 25
42	8	8	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	109	Dec. '91	28 25	...	57 75
43	6	5	4	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	92	Jun. '91	...	...	51 50
44	14	13	9	2	3	1	...	...	2	...	114	Dec. '91	...	...	89 25
45	5	4	3	1	3	1	4	...	4	...	95	Dec. '91	...	...	66 50
46	6	6	5	5	3	2	2	...	2	...	89	Dec. '91	...	...	54 25
47	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	...	...	...	95	Dec. '91	...	6 0	68 75
48	3	5	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	91	Dec. '91	...	6 00	55 50
50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	Jun. '91	1 50	...	16 50
52	11	13	11	3	1	3	...	...	1	...	9	Jun. '91	...	6 0	61 00
54	...	...	...	...	13	...	22	...	...	...	45	Dec. '91	...	...	30 75
55	3	3	3	...	1	1	2	...	4	...	43	Jun. '91	...	...	56 5
56	5	4	3	2	4	1	4	...	...	...	64	Dec. '91	...	...	44 75
57	2	2	3	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	54	Dec. '91	...	...	55 50
58	7	6	1	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	86	Dec. '91	...	1 00	51 75
61	15	10	13	4	9	3	4	...	3	...	218	Dec. '91	...	...	155 50
62	3	3	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	31	Dec. '91	8 00	...	20 50
63	4	5	9	1	3	...	6	...	...	...	78	Dec. '91	...	...	85 50
64	8	7	6	1	...	1	5	...	...	...	138	Dec. '90	...	...	3 00
65	11	11	8	8	6	2	1	...	...	...	191	Dec. '91	...	...	137 00
66	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	37	Jun. '91	...	...	11 75
68	8	7	7	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	67	Dec. '91	...	...	67 25
69	...	...	...	...	6	1	16	...	2	...	67	Dec. '91	...	...	97 75
72	4	4	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	81	Dec. '91	...	2 00	43 75
73	7	6	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	70	Dec. '90	...	...	51 00
74	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	40	Dec. '91	...	...	38 25
75	6	2	2	3	9	4	1	...	...	...	191	Dec. '91	...	...	121 75
76	10	8	9	...	1	1	11	...	1	...	104	Dec. '91	...	...	82 00
77	4	3	3	...	2	1	2	...	2	...	83	Dec. '91	...	...	46 50
78	1	1	...	1	...	2	3	...	1	...	83	Dec. '91	...	...	57 00

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1892.

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	F. on or b. f.m.	Frank Stewart.	W. J. Laurence ..
81	aSt. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.....	Tu. on or b. f.m.	D. M. McGregor.	H. G. Lindsay.....
82	St. John's.....	Pa is	F. on or a. f.m.	J. N. Parney...	John Sorley.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	F. on or a. f.m.	J. W. Suds.....	A. A. Cockburn.....
84	aClinton.....	Clinton.....	F. on or a. f.m.	Ric'd Haywood...	Thos. Smallacombe.
85	aRising Sun.....	Atheus.....	Th. on or b. f.m.	James P. Lamb...	James Ross
86	aWils n.....	Toronto.....	Third Tuesday.	George Moir.....	A. C. Neff.....
87	Markham Union..	Markham.....	F. on or b. f.m.	T. B. Reive.....	George Johnson...
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	W. on or b. f.m.	Chas. E. Munro...	Wm. H. Sinclair...
90	aManito.....	Colli gwood.....	W. on or b. f.m.	W. Williams, B.A.	C. A. McDona'd...
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	F. on or b. f.m.	T. K. Rutherford	George Keyes
92	aCatawqui.....	Kingston.....	Sec. Wednes...	H. D. Bibby.....	D. Callagher.....
93	aNorthern Light..	Kincardine.....	First Wedn s...	David Collins...	R. D. Hall.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	Second Tu. s...	L. G. Jarvis.....	D. M. May.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Earrie.....	First Thursday.	And'w Urquhart	D. H. MacLaren...
97	aSharon.....	Sharon.....	Tu. on or b. f.m.	D. L. Lepard.....	B. W. Kitley.....
98	True Blue.....	A bion.....	F. on or b. f.m.	D. A. Kennedy...	I. Hutton.....
99	aTuscan.....	Newmarket.....	Sec. Wednes...	P. T. Lee.....	E. McCormick.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	M. on or b. f.m.	J. C. Dixon.....	W. Forrest.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Pet'rb'ro'.....	W. on or b. f.m.	T. E. Bradburn...	W. D. Parker.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines..	Last Thursday.	Harry Southcott	John S. Wood.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	W. on or a. f.m.	A. McCuddy.....	J. L. Farrington...
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Nia. Falls S'th..	Tu. on or b. f.m.	W. D. Garner.....	James A. Lowell...
107	aBurford.....	Burford.....	W. on or b. f.m.	John Collins.....	A. D. Muir.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	W. on or b. f.m.	D. McPherson...	J. R. Watt.....
103	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	F. on or a. f.m.	W. C. Patt n...	S. D. Stode.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harr'wsmith.....	F. on or h. f.m.	Alex. Meyers...	James Cooke.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	First Tuesday.	John F. Graham	H. H. Wells.....
113	aWilson.....	Wat'rford.....	W. on or b. f.m.	W. Messecar.....	T. D. Duncombe...
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	First Thursday.	Wm. Garfat.....	W. G. Coulter.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	Tu. on or b. f.m.	C. B. B. ite...	A. H. Dodsworth...
116	aCassia.....	Theford.....	M. on or b. f.m.	R. J. Parker.....	Geo. Sutherland...
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	M. on or b. f.m.	A. Wilkinson...	W. J. Breton.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. b. f.m. ...	Max Robinson...	Frd'w. Armstrong
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Tu on or b. f.m.	Mal'm Campbell.	J. K. McPherson...
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	Tu. a. f.m.....	John T. Slater...	C. F. Fox.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	First Monday...	M. M. Dickson...	W. McKinnon...
123	aThe Belleville...	Belville.....	First Thursday	R. E. Clarke.....	S. F. Armistead...
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	First Tuesday.	W. J. Wallace...	J. A. Morris.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford...	Tu. on or b. f.m.	John Macoune...	A. E. Bailey.....
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	M. before f.m.	W. H. McKagne.	W. H. Richards...
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	First Thursday.	R. W. Kenning...	J. C. Stewart.....
129	The Rising Sun...	Aurora.....	First Friday...	H. J. Charles...	A. E. Taylor.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton...	Tu. on or a. f.m.	Ric'd Nokes.....	D. McAu'ay.....
133	aLebanon Forest.	Exeter.....	M. on or b. f.m.	Ric'd H. Collins.	M. Eacerett.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Th. on or b. f.m.	J. H. McColiom.	Robert Coats...
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	W. on or b. f.m.	F. W. Gardner...	D. McMurphy...
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	F. nearest f.m.	Ric'd Strachan...	James Patterson...
139	L banon.....	Oshawa.....	Second Tues...	Wm. Holland...	James McCaw.....
140	aMalahj'e.....	Aylmer.....	W. on or b. f.m.	Dr. G. F. Clark.	W. J. Fear.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	Tu. on or b. f.m.	Wm. Machan...	F. H. Thomson...
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	F. on or b. f.m.	A. A. Logan.....	S. R. Loucks.....
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois.....	W. bef. f.m...	D. A. McDoneld.	J. W. Tindale...
144	aTecumseh.....	Strat'rd.....	First Thursday.	Wm. McKellar...	A. F. Neil.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbro'k.....	Sec. Thursday.	J. W. Fisher.....	John Peatty.....
146	aPrince of Wales.	Newburgh.....	W. bef. f.m...	Canfield Sh'rey.	Geo. A. Aylsworth.
147	aMississippi.....	Almonte.....	First Friday...	W. R. Cam'bell.	Robt. Pollock...
148	aCivil Service...	Ottawa.....	Sec. Tuesday...	Wm. Campbell...	E. Downing Tripp.
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	M. on or b. f.m.	John A. Innes...	Lawrence Skey...
151	The Grand River..	Belin.....	Tu. on or b. f.m.	W. J. Mellen...	Edwin Huber...
153	aBurns.....	Wyomi'g.....	Th. on or b. f.m.	W. Newell.....	J. M. Wilson.....
154	a rving.....	Lucan.....	Th. on or b. f.m.	C. B. Edwards...	James Sadleir...
155	aPeterboro'.....	Peterboro'.....	First Friday...	A. St. A. Smi'h.	A. C. Herridge...
156	aYork.....	North Toronto...	Third Friday...	Chas. C. No'ris.	Wm. Duncan.....
157	Simpson.....	Newboro'.....	Tu. on or b. f.m.	R. H. Preston...	James Sexton...

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No.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expe'd.	Rest'd.	Total Mem'b's	Last Retu'ns.	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
79											36	Dec. '89	23 75		
81	3	2	2	2	3	3	6				71	Jun. '91			20 00
81	6	6	5	1	1	1	1	1			46	Dec. '91			45 75
83	4	3	3	1		1	1				111	Dec. '91	15 25		41 75
84	2	2	1		2	2	3				56	Dec. '91			23 25
95	2	3	3		2						51	Dec. '91	14 50		29 25
96	10	10	9		5		5				126	Jun. '91		14 00	117 50
97	4	5	4								31	Dec. '91		4 00	46 75
98	7	6	6	2	4		4			1	63	Dec. '91			50 25
90	3	4	5		1		1			1	94	Dec. '91			75 50
91	4	5	7	1	3		13			4	64	Dec. '91			60 75
92	3	3	4		5	4				1	169	Dec. '91			71 00
93	7	7	8	2	4	1				2	108	Dec. '91			81 60
94	9	5	4		1					2	23	Jun. '91	23 50		10 00
96	13	12	9	2	6	3	3			1	103	Dec. '91		5 00	114 50
97	3	3	3				2			1	57	Dec. '91	26 75		41 00
98											50	Jun. '91			79 50
99											26	Jun. '91	7 50		23 00
100	5	5	4	2	2	1					73	Dec. '91			48 25
101	1	1	1		2						57	Dec. '91			39 75
101	6	4	6		4	2	10			1	92	Dec. '91			66 25
101	4	1	1	2	2	1	1				83	Dec. '91			53 50
105	3	3	2			1	3				54	Dec. '91		2 00	38 75
106	4	3	12		1	1	2				80	Dec. '91			78 75
107	5	7	6	1		1	12				54	Jun. '91	13 50		75 00
107	6	5	9			1					23	Dec. '91			51 50
103					1	1				1	45	Dec. '91			23 75
110	13	13	12		6	2				1	89	Dec. '91			74 25
113	7	11	10	2	3	1					71	Dec. '91		2 00	67 50
114	2	3	2			1					51	Dec. '91			39 75
115	6	5	3			1	6				53	D-c. '91			43 75
116	2	2	2	1	2						30	Dec. '91			28 50
118						2					27	Jun. '9			14 75
119	3	1	1		3		1	1		1	22	Dec. '9			18 25
120											23	Jun. '91		6 50	18 60
121	7	6	7		5	2	8	1			111	Dec. '91			98 75
122	5	4	2	1	1	1					63	Dec. '91			42 50
123	4	4	4		2	1					116	Dec. '91		2 00	62 25
125	2	2	1	1	2	1	1				39	Jun. '91			26 50
126	8	8	8		1						47	Dec. '91			57 25
127	3	2	3		1					1	50	Dec. '91	11 50		76 00
128	5	3	4		1		12				83	Dec. '91		2 00	62 75
129	1	8	8	3		1				2	48	Jun. '91	17 25		4 00
131	2	1	2	1		1					39	Dec. '91			31 00
133	5	5	5	2	2					1	75	Dec. '91		2 00	49 25
135	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			5	52	Dec. '91		4 00	35 25
136	5	4	1	1	2				1	2	28	Jun. '91			19 00
137	1	1	1		1		6			1	5	Dec. '91	1 00		33 50
139	5	8	9			3	5			3	73	Dec. '91			65 25
140	4	2	2	1							69	Jun. '91		4 00	47 00
141					1		2			1	36	Dec. '90		4 00	27 50
142	1	2	2	1	1	4				1	76	Dec. '91		2 00	58 00
143	7	8	8		2	1	6			2	47	Dec. '91			93 00
144	4	5	3	4	4	1		1		1	79	Dec. '91		2 00	56 75
145											44	D-c. '89		19 75	22 75
146					3						44	Dec. '91			28 00
147	2	2	2		2		3				55	Dec. '91		3 00	40 75
148	1	1	2	3	1	4	1	1			58	Dec. '91			34 00
149	1	1	1		2						49	Dec. '91			35 25
151	4	4	3	1	1	2					83	D-c. '91			44 50
153	6	4	4		4	2				1	50	Dec. '91			60 75
154	2	2	2								62	Dec. '91			31 50
155	4	4	4	4	4	1	1				101	Dec. '91			57 75
156	5	5	5		3		2			1	91	Dec. '91	2 00		74 50
157											58	Jun. '91			39 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1892.

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs....	Th. on or a. f. m.	R. A. Hanks...	Walter Miller.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond....	W. on or b. f. m.	G. C. Richardson	Jas. M. Argoe.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth....	W. b. f. m.	C. A. J. Clinlinson	Wm. Baker.....
162	aForest.....	Wroxeter.....	M. on or b. f. m.	Isaac Elliott....	Thomas Brown....
164	aStar in the East..	Wellington....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	C. C. Spencer....	J. D. Wilson.....
165	aBurlington.....	Burlington....	W. on or b. f. m.	S. Cline.....	Jos. Tolhurst....
166	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek..	M. on or b. f. m.	Leeming Carr....	H. A. Combs.....
168	aMerritt.....	Welland.....	M. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Wells.....	R. E. Waugh.....
169	aMcNab.....	Port Colborne..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. B. Neff, M.D.	F. D. Noble.....
170	aBritannia.....	Seaforth.....	First Monday...	W. Bruce Smith...	W. G. Duff.....
171	aPrince of Wales..	Iona.....	F. on or a. f. m.	S. H. Weldon....	W. J. Philpott....
172	aAyr.....	Ayr.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. Willison.....	Chas. McKay.....
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan....	Th. on or b. f. m.	F. H. Pearsall...	James Ryan.....
176	aSpartan.....	Sparta.....	M. on or b. f. m.	Stephen Bailey...	F. A. Henderson..
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	Second Friday...	Fred. Cook.....	Geo. McNeill....
178	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville....	F. on or b. f. m.	J. L. Brown.....	W. M. Veitch....
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph.....	First Tuesday...	R. Torvell.....	Wm. Varker.....
181	aOriental.....	Port Burwell..	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Wm. S. Davidson	D. M. Chute.....
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	D. W. Hayes.....	R. Findlater.....
185	aEnniskillen.....	York.....	M. on or b. f. m.	Robert Ford.....	Wm. Clarke.....
186	aPlantagenet.....	Plantagenet....	M. on or b. f. m.	John Smith.....	W. A. Chamberlain.
190	aBelmont.....	Belmont.....	F. on or b. f. m.	A. C. McIntyre...	John Boyd.....
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia.....	F. on or b. f. m.	E. C. Roper.....	Wm. Ironside....
193	aScotland.....	Scot'and.....	M. on or b. f. m.	J. D. Eddy.....	Wallace E. Smith..
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia.....	Second Wed.....	Isaac E. b.....	Robert Scott.....
195	aThe Tuscan.....	London.....	First Monday...	A. G. McWhinng.	R. B. Hungerford..
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	A. Hood.....	J. E. Thompson...
197	aSaugeen.....	Walkerton....	Second Tues...	Chas. Astley....	W. A. Green.....
200	aSt. Albans.....	Mount Forest..	F. on or b. f. m.	R. O. Kilgour....	J. W. Kilgour....
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. T. Heaslip...	James Hayward...
203	aIrvine.....	Elora.....	Third Friday...	M. Doerbecker...	W. B. Bainford...
205	New Dominion.....	N. Hamburg....	M. on or a. f. m.	Alex. Fraser....	John F. Katzenrrier
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster.....	W. on or b. f. m.	John P. Snider...	R. T. Nicholson...
209	aSt. John.....	London.....	Second Thurs..	Thos. A. Rowat..	John Siddons....
209	aEvergreen.....	Lanark.....	First Tuesday...	J. H. Bethwell...	W. A. Field.....
212	aElysian.....	Garden Island.	First Monday...	Thos. Lappin....	Richard Raymond..
215	aLake.....	Ame'tiasburg..	M. on or b. f. m.	D. F. St. fford...	James E. Glenn...
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville...	T. on or b. f. m.	Robt. Irvine....	George Irwin.....
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi.....	M. on or b. f. m.	W. F. Cryslar...	E. Morgan.....
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto.....	Second Monday	Chas. H. Corton..	R. W. Higginbottom.
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown....	F. on or b. f. m.	Wm. J. Roe, M.D.	F. J. Wheeler....
220	aZeradatha.....	Uxbridge.....	M. on or b. f. m.	Thos. Hardy.....	John Vicars.....
221	aMountain.....	Thorvald.....	W. on or b. f. m.	P. S. Meddough...	Wm. T. Fish.....
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Geo. B. Bleeker...	R. B. Proutt....
223	aNorwood.....	Norwood.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Robt. A. Scott...	W. H. Stephenson..
224	aZurich.....	Hensall.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Geo. T. McKay...	Donald Burns....
225	aBernard.....	Listowel.....	W. on or b. f. m.	John Nichol....	John Watson.....
228	aPrince Arthur...	Odesa.....	M. on or a. f. m.	R. W. Aylesworth	A. P. Booth.....
229	aIonic.....	Brampton.....	Fourth Tues...	W. E. Milner....	A. Morton.....
230	aKeir.....	Barrie.....	Fourth Mon....	S. J. Sanford....	F. D. Hewson....
231	Lodge of Fidelity..	Ottawa.....	Third Thurs...	B. W. Grange...	F. C. Lightfoot...
232	aCameron.....	Dutton.....	W. on or b. f. m.	W. H. Nelson....	J. C. Price.....
233	aDoric.....	Park Hill.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	D. H. Cameron...	Wm. Scales.....
234	aBeaver.....	Clarksburg....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	T. H. Dyre.....	J. H. Dickerson...
235	aAldworth.....	Paisley.....	F. on or b. f. m.	Ainsley Megraw...	John Claxton....
236	aManitoba.....	Coolstown....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Arch'd Kirk.....	J. G. Chapman....
237	aVienna.....	Vienna.....	F. on or b. f. m.	John H. Tall....	Geo. Thornton...
238	aHavelock.....	Watford.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Arch'd Jamieson	Frank Kenward...
239	aTweed.....	Tweed.....	F. on or b. f. m.	George Way.....	Wm. Wray.....
242	aMacey.....	Mallatstown...	M. on or b. f. m.	J. C. Lickey.....	Horace Griffin...
243	aSt. George.....	St. George.....	Tu. on or b. f. m.	R. G. Lawrason...	L. J. Poole.....
245	aFecumeth.....	Thamesville...	Tu. on or b. f. m.	B. Gregory.....	John Davidson...
247	aAshler.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Tues...	H. B. Howson...	John McKnight...
249	aCaladonia.....	Midland.....	Second Tues...	C. A. Phillips...	A. E. Clarkson...
250	aThistle.....	Embro.....	Th. on or b. f. m.	Geo. A. Munro...	Wm. Geddes.....

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													Dr.	Bal. Cr. Bal.	
158	4	3	2	1	1	1	4			1	41	Dec. '91			\$ 37 25
159	5	7	4	5	3	3	1				63	Dec. '91	10 00		91 50
161	2	1	4			2					63	Dec. '91	2 00		58 50
162	6	5	3	1	1						38	Dec. '91			40 75
164	1			1	4		6			1	40	Dec. '91		2 00	21 00
165	2	3	3			1					56	D.c. '91	27 75		
165											55	Jun. '91			42 50
163	3	3	3	1	2	1					83	Dec. '91			56 25
169											16	Jun. '9			42 00
170	1	1	1		3	3	1				74	Dec. '91			40 50
171	13	7	13	6	3		1			1	43	Jun. '91		6 00	44 00
172	6	5	4	1							27	Jun. '90		12 50	23 50
174	4	3	3	3	2	1	5				193	Jun. '91	174 50		
176											31	Dec. '91		50	18 00
177	8	7	6	3	3		4				75	Dec. '91			68 50
178	5	6	6		2						39	Dec. '91			36 50
180	1	1	2	3	2	3	2				88	Dec. '91			71 00
181	1	1	1		1	1	1			1	33	Dec. '91			26 50
184	3	3	3		1	1	3			1	43	Dec. '91			28 50
185	3	1			2					1	23	Jun. '91			22 00
186	3	2	1								27	Dec. '91			20 25
190	4	4	4		1	1				1	25	Dec. '91			15 10
192	1	2	1		1	3					99	Dec. '91			61 25
193	8	8	5							1	15	Dec. '91			23 15
194	12	13	13	2	1		1				80	Dec. '91			85 00
195	4	3	3	1	3						60	Dec. '91			71 00
196	4		2	2	4						37	Jun. '91			21 50
197	4	3	2	2	1	1				1	57	Dec. '91	2 00		51 25
200	4	4	2								37	Dec. '91			49 50
201	5	4	4	6	7	1	2				95	Dec. '91			54 25
203	1	1	1	2	3	1					48	Dec. '91	13 50		28 50
205	3	2	1								33	Jun. '91			24 50
207	6	5	4	1	2					2	33	Jun. '91		2 00	38 50
203a	16	10	8	2	5	2	4			3	170	Dec. '91			104 75
209					1						38	Dec. '91			42 50
212	1	1	1	1			1			1	30	Jun. '91			16 00
215	4	4			5						42	Dec. '91	11 00		43 00
216	22	13	6	5	3					1	103	Dec. '91			139 25
217	1	1			1		1			1	33	Dec. '91			17 50
218	13	13	10	4	3	3	5			1	144	Dec. '91			219 25
219	3	3	4	1		1	1				49	Dec. '91			37 75
220	1	1	1	1	6		2			3	51	D.c. '91			32 25
221	4	5	2		2		5				72	Dec. '91			53 00
222	1	1	1	1		2	5			1	47	Dec. '91			25 25
223											26	Jun. '91			22 00
224	4		1		2		2			1	35	Dec. '91			21 75
225	2	2	1	2	3	1	2			1	57	Dec. '91			33 50
228	1						1				28	Jun. '91	43 00		28 25
229	2	2	1		3	2				1	66	Dec. '91			41 25
230	9	11	15	1	2	2					94	Dec. '91			113 00
231	8	8	8	2	3	1	2	1		1	48	Dec. '91		6 00	70 50
232											39	Jun. '91			11 75
233	3	1	1	3			1				44	Jun. '91		2 00	15 75
234	4	3	3		2	2	2				40	Dec. '91			30 00
235	3	2	3				3				18	Dec. '91		2 00	47 75
236	1	2	2	1	2	1	3			1	18	Dec. '91			16 25
237	5	5	6		1						35	Dec. '91			41 25
238					2					2	63	Jun. '91			50 00
239	3	2	5			1					48	Jun. '91			42 50
242					6		7				54	Dec. '91			32 25
243	1	1	1		2	2	1				51	Dec. '91			32 50
245											40	Jun. '88		102 00	100 00
247	12	11	16	3	8	2	1				151	Dec. '91			112 75
249	3	4	3		3	1					34	Dec. '91	9 75		51 15
250	1	1	1		2	2					28	Dec. '91			13 00

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1892, AND LAST

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
253	αMinlen	Kingston	First Monday ..	John P. Oram ..	W. Gill
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. C. Bartle ..	H. Preston
255	Sydenham	Dresden	W. on or a.f.m.	Wm. McVean ..	D. V. Hicks
256	αFarrans Point ..	Farrans Point ..	W. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Hanes ..	John M. Cook ..
257	αGalt	Galt	First Tuesday ..	Alfred Taylor ..	W. J. Kitchen
258	Guelph	Guelph	Sec. Tuesday ..	G. W. Fields ..	G. J. Bull
260	αWashington	Petrolia	First Tuesday ..	John McHattie ..	John McDonald, jr ..
261	αOak Branch	Innerkip	Tb. b.f.m.	Fred Mitchell ..	John McFarlane ..
262	αHar i-ton	Harriston	Sec. Monday ..	W. D. McLellan ..	Alex. Michi
263	αForest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Karr ..	P. W. Campbell
264	αChandiere	Ottawa	Fourth Tuesday ..	W. D. Jones ..	Jas. Peterkin
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. C. Davison ..	G. A. Langstaff
266	αNorthern Light ..	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. M. McFane ..	J. E. Doner
267	αParthenon	Chatham	First Wednesday ..	Charles Cape ..	W. H. Benson
268	αVerulam	Bobcaygeon ..	Last Friday ..	John Kerr	L. W. Ross
269	αBrougham Union ..	Brougham ..	W. on or b.f.m.	H. Westgate ..	A. Thomson
270	αCedar	Oshawa	Fourth Tues ..	E. O. Felt	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	Sec. Wednesday ..	A. J. McKinnon ..	J. H. Lacey
272	αSeymour	Ancaster	W. on or b.f.m.	John A. Daniels ..	George Moore
274	αKent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m.	A. M. Shaver ..	Charles Senior
276	Teesswater	Teesswater ..	F. on or b.f.m.	John Chapman ..	C. A. Steele
277	αSeymour	Port Dalhousie ..	W. on or b.f.m.	James Powell ..	A. Kelly
278	Mystic	Rosl'n	Th. b.f.m.	Henry Hudso ..	J. W. Wilson
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m.	Wm. H. Weaver ..	Chris. Pabst
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m.	Alex. McIntyre ..	Dr. Lumley
283	αEureka	Belleville	W. a.f.m.	John Fenn	W. J. Diamond
284	αSt. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. T. Pepper ..	John Shaw
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m.	S. W. Ellis	H. M. Wright
286	αWingham	Wingham	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. E. Williams ..	J. A. Morton
287	αShuniah	Port Arthur ..	First Tuesday ..	W. H. DeMuth ..	F. J. C. Roddin ..
289	αDoric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. McMurphy ..	Dr. P. L. Graham ..
290	αLeamington	Leamington ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. A. Piper ..	M. G. Heatherington ..
291	αDufferin	W. Fambora ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Simon	Alfred Jones
292	αRobertson	Nobleton	W. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Robinson ..	John Robinson
293	αT. Ryl. Sol Mother ..	Jerusalem, Pa. ..	First Wednesday ..	W. H. Hayat ..	C. N. Tadros
294	αMoore	Mooreton	Th. on or b.f.m.	D. Armstrong ..	John Maw
295	αConestogo	Drayton	Tu. on or a.f.m.	John Q. Adams ..	Joseph Crozier ..
296	αTemple	St. Catharines ..	L. W. of Month ..	Fred. Kellmer ..	I. G. Beaton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m.	F. Fisher, sen ..	W. D. Hepburn
299	Victoria	Centreville ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Cassalen ..	Alonzo Walker
300	αMount Olivet	Thornedale ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Weeks ..	W. H. Salmon
302	St. Davids	St. Thomas ..	Third Thurs ..	D. B. Drake ..	W. H. Ingram
303	αBlyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	John Wallace ..	John M. Ross
304	αMinerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. E. Sheppard ..	Chas. E. Chantler ..
305	αHumber	Weston	W. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Leighton ..	Henry Roberts
306	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Brown ..	George Russell
307	αArkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Thomas ..	Frank Hooper
309	αMorning Star	Smith's Hill ..	W. on or b.f.m.	D. E. Munro ..	John Wilson
311	αBlackwood	Woodbridge ..	F. on or b.f.m.	Robt Cowling ..	T. A. Agar
312	αPhyx	Wallaceburg ..	M. on or b.f.m.	Harvey Morris ..	W. E. Amsden
313	αClementi	Lakefield	First Tuesday ..	T. J. Bird	R. O. Dench
314	αBlair	Palmerston ..	F. a.f.m.	W. A. Hobson ..	W. Robertson
315	αJifford	Clifford	Third Monday ..	J. S. D. war ..	R. E. Biggar
316	αDoric	Toronto	Third Thurs ..	F. Bryers	B. N. Davis
318	Wilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m.	John Living-ton ..	Alf. Kaufman
319	αHiram	Hagersville ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	Joshua Howard ..	E. Dixon
320	αChesterville	Chesterville ..	M. on or b.f.m.	W. B. Lawson ..	James G. Gillespie ..
321	αWalker	Acton (West) ..	M. on or b.f.m.	John Lawson ..	W. R. Kenney
322	αNorth Star	Owen Sound ..	W. a.f.m.	James Douglass ..	George Munro
323	αAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	Thomas McKay ..	E. Warner, jr
324	αTemple	Hamilton	Sec. Tuesday ..	Geo. E. Martin ..	F. G. Kitchin, M. D. ..
325	αOrono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m.	S. Cattle	Wm. Armstrong
326	αZetland	Toronto	Fourth Friday ..	G. M. Fureival ..	W. J. I. Anderson ..
327	The Hammond	Wardsville ..	Third Tuesday ..	Arch. Purcell ..	D. Johnson
328	αIonic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Cameron ..	Harrison Thompson ..

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No. of Lodge	Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	W'd'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expel'd.	Rest'd.	Total Memb's.	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
253	8	6	6	1	3	3	4			2	72	Dec. '91			41 50
254	5	2	2	2	1						84	Dec. '91			72 50
255	2	2	3	1	3						43	Dec. '91			28 75
256	8	7	7		1		1				68	Dec. '91			58 75
257	5	4	3	1							52	Dec. '91		2 00	76 25
258	2	1	1					1			79	Jun. '91			55 00
260	7	6	7	1				1			67	Dec. '91	19 £0		74 00
261	2	1	1	2							19	Dec. '91			16 25
262	2	3	5								54	Dec. '91			44 50
263	12	14	11	2	3	1				2	56	Jun. '91		6 00	14 50
264	3	2	3		1	1				2	74	Dec. '91			43 00
265	2	2	2		4						45	Dec. '91	12 £0		23 75
266	6	6	6		2		10				34	Dec. '91			58 00
267	9	8	6	3	2	1	5			2	56	Dec. '91			42 25
268	3		1		2	1					46	Dec. '91			82 75
269	1				1						33	Dec. '91			17 00
270	3	5	7				1			1	61	Dec. '91			49 25
271	4	3	2				2				44	Dec. '91			£0 75
272	9	11	6		1					1	50	Dec. '91			48 75
274	3	3	5		1	1	4				49	Dec. '91			37 50
276	7	6	10	1							25	Dec. '91			55 25
277											32	D. c. '90			4 00
278	4	3	2								25	Dec. '91		7 50	23 00
279	2	2	2	1							43	Dec. '91			24 50
282	3	3	3	2						1	44	Dec. '91	13 00		10 00
283	6	6	4	2		1					53	Dec. '91	1 00		26 25
284	11	7	6		2					1	51	Dec. '91			31 75
285	1	1									27	Dec. '91			22 50
286	4	3	4	5		1					40	Dec. '91			31 50
287	5	5	5	1	3	2					160	Dec. '91		4 00	67 00
289	5	4	1		2		16			2	47	Dec. '91			32 50
290	2	2		1			3	1			68	Dec. '91	2 60		38 50
291	3	3	4		1					2	33	Dec. '91	1 00		39 00
292	3	4	2		4		4				30	Dec. '91			45 75
293											30	Jun. '89			
294											28	Dec. '91			15 00
295	3	3	2							6	32	Jun. '91	6 25		32 00
296	3	1	2			1					58	Dec. '91			46 50
297						2					20	Dec. '91			11 00
299	1	1	1								38	Jun. '91			31 50
300	1	1	1	1							27	Jun. '91			13 00
302	10	7	9		2		6			1	105	Jun. '91			74 00
303	3	1	1		4	1					54	Jun. '91			21 50
304	3	3	2		3		2			1	23	Dec. '91			21 50
305	1	1	2	1							42	Dec. '91			27 00
306	5	2	4	1	3						45	Dec. '91			33 50
307	5	5	4	2	3		6				48	Dec. '91			45 25
309	2	2	2		1	1					45	Dec. '91			27 50
311											40	Jun. '91			19 00
312	3	3	1		8		19			2	70	Dec. '91			96 75
313	2	2	2	2							35	Dec. '91			18 75
314	2	1	1	2		1					50	Dec. '91		2 00	35 75
315	5	5	4		1						26	Dec. '91			29 50
316	11	10	11		4	2	1				150	D. c. '91			131 50
318	5	6	3		1						53	Jun. '91			21 50
319	7	5	5	1	1		2				32	Dec. '91	5 50		61 75
320	4	4	5	1	3						54	Dec. '91			31 50
321	1	2	3		3		1			1	29	Dec. '91		2 00	30 25
322	4	2	1		5	1					76	Dec. '91			100 50
323	6	7	9							1	56	Jun. '91			33 00
324	10	16	17	3	6	5					214	Dec. '91			180 50
325	4	4	4	1	1						48	Dec. '91			29 25
326	10	15	13	3	5	1	3			2	151	Dec. '91	45 50		47 00
327											23	Jun. '91			18 50
328					2						32	Dec. '91			£0 50

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
329	aKing So'omon	Jarvis	F. on or b. f. m.	A. R. Colman	David Hill
330	aCorinthian	London (east).	First Tuesday	J. H. Stead	J. J. Cuthbertson
331	aFordwick	Fordwick	Th. on or b. f. m.	F. A. Donaghy	A. C. Hutchison
332	aStratford	Stratford	Second Monday	R. B. Brown	J. Baker
333	aPrince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b. f. m.	Ab. S. Van Dusen	Robt. J. Sproule
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. J. Robinson	M. Wilkins
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b. f. m.	N. Shafley	John G. Crosby
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. H. Andrews	C. B. Bennett
338	aDufferin	Welland Port	Tu. on or b. f. m.	N. Shafley	J. E. Cohoe
339	aOrient	Toronto	First Tuesday	Percy Hill	H. Tolhurst
341	aBruce	Tiveron	Tu. on or b. f. m.	W. J. Chambers	John McKellar
343	aGeorgina	Sutton	Th. on or b. f. m.	F. G. Tremayne	I. B. Bentley, M.D.
344	aMerrill	Dorchester Sta	Th. on or b. f. m.	W. H. Shaw	A. Carson
345	aNilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Thos. McDugal	A. R. Rowat
346	aOccident	Toronto	First Wed.	John L. Bird	Fred. Prince
347	aMerccer	Fergus	Th. after f. m.	John Beattie	David F. Thompson
348	aGeorgian	Penetang'sb'n	First Thurs.	G. H. Wright	W. E. Gillespie
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	W. on or b. f. m.	D. M. Whyte	D. MacFarlane
354	aBrock	Caanington	W. on or b. f. m.	M. L. Nutting	Joseph A. Kift
356	aRiver Park	Streetsville	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Taylor	James Miller
357	aWaterdown	Waterdown	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Robert Platt	W. R. Wilson
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b. f. m.	W. A. Hutton	R. R. Montgomery
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b. f. m.	John Pow	D. W. McColl
360	aMeskoka	Bracebridge	Tu. on or b. f. m.	Alex. McClellan	Isaac Huber
361	aWaverley	Guelph	Fourth Mon	Arch'd. Little	James Naismith
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b. f. m.	Thomas Wilson	T. J. McNally
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b. f. m.	J. W. Torrance	Wm. Pierce
367	aSt. George	Toronto	First Friday	Miles Vokes	W. B. Phillips
368	aSalem	Brockville	Second Mon	John R. Wright	J. A. Page
369	aMimico	Lambton	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. W. Cotton, M.D.	E. C. Davies
370	aHarmony	Delta	W. on or b. f. m.	I. N. Phelps	John W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	Fourth Friday	C. W. Close	T. J. Glover
372	aPalmer	Victoria	Tu. after f. m.	Edward Hawkins	A. B. Hurrell
373	aCapestone	Welland	First Thurs.	Dr. McConachi	W. B. Chambers
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b. f. m.	R. J. Comus	John M. Shaw, M.D.
375	aLorne	Om mee	First Thurs.	A. Laidley	Wm. Miller
376	aUnity	Huntsville	First Wed	J. N. Shearer	Charles Morley
377	aLorne	Shelburne	First Friday	Chas. Mason	R. H. McMaster
378	aKing Solomon	London (west)	Fourth Tuesday	J. M. Lord	Wm. Nichols
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Johnston	J. Nicholson
380	aUnion	London	Second Monday	W. G. McMillen	A. C. Stewart
382	aDoric	Hamilton	Third Monday	James Dixon	Chas. S. Kilgour
383	aHeddercn	W. Winchester	First Tuesday	R. bt. Reddick	A. E. Scott
384	aAlpha	Toronto	First Thurs	Samuel Horton	G. A. Summers
385	aSpry	Peaton	W. on or b. f. m.	James R. Croft	Walter Ashton
386	aMcCall	West Lorne	Tu. after f. m.	John A. Gilles	Robt. McFate
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Tu. on or b. f. m.	John W. Taylor	J. A. Bradley
388	aHarrison	Ilderton	M. on or b. f. m.	Art. F. Bradley	John Bowman
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b. f. m.	J. R. Love	J. Chapman
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b. f. m.	J. C. Lawrence	J. D. McMillan
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Middleditch	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Cam'achie	W. on or b. f. m.	F. Kenney	A. Trusler
393	aForest	Chesley	First Tuesday	A. S. Goodeve	C. J. Mickle
394	aKing Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b. f. m.	Hugh Kennedy	W. F. Kennedy
395	aVaim	Comber	Th. on or b. f. m.	C. W. Sherer	Robt. Anderson
396	aCedar	Warton	Tu. on or b. f. m.	N. Mooe	James Walmsley
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b. f. m.	W. J. Ward	H. J. Leack
398	aVictoria	Victoria Road	Th. on or b. f. m.	Alfred Taylor	John G. Morris
399	aMoffatt	Harrietsville	W. on or b. f. m.	Francis Kunz	Richard Thomas
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b. f. m.	J. D. Willison	W. T. Marlatt
401	aCraig	Desonto	W. on or b. f. m.	Geo. A. Browne	C. A. Crawford
402	aCentral	Essex Centre	W. on or b. f. m.	John F. Millen	C. L. Craswell
403	aWindsor	Windsor	First Friday	Ernest Wigle	Geo. D. Adams
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or a. f. m.	J. A. Aylesworth	C. R. Jones
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	First Tuesday	John DeLours	Albert Hurdman

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expel'd.	Rest'd.	Total Memb's.	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
329	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	Dec. '91	...	...	8 36 25
330	5	3	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	75	Dec. '91	...	...	81 75
331	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	29	Dec. '91	...	2 00	21 25
332	12	9	5	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	54	Dec. '91	...	...	30 25
333	10	6	5	3	4	2	...	...	...	2	32	Jun. '91	...	...	11 50
334	5	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	Jun. '91	50 00	...	...
336	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	31	Jun. '91	21 00	...	...
337	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	33	Jun. '91	9 75	...	...
338	3	3	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	1	28	Jun. '91	13 00	...	42 00
339	6	9	14	...	2	...	19	...	...	...	159	Dec. '91	...	...	141 25
341	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	4	60	Dec. '91	...	2 50	40 00
343	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	Jun. '91	24 00	...	4 00
344	...	...	1	1	...	1	3	...	...	1	23	Dec. '91	50	...	15 00
345	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	33	Dec. '91	...	...	39 00
346	10	3	2	3	1	3	...	...	...	1	168	Jun. '91	...	...	46 50
347	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	Dec. '91	...	...	27 00
348	...	...	...	...	5	...	6	1	...	1	25	Dec. '91	51 50	...	35 00
352	1	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	51	Dec. '91	...	...	30 25
354	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	45	Dec. '91	11 25	...	49 00
356	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	23	Dec. '91	1 00	...	16 00
357	...	1	2	...	4	1	...	...	...	1	41	Dec. '91	...	...	24 25
358	3	5	7	...	9	1	2	...	...	2	36	Dec. '91	23 00	...	78 00
359	1	1	1	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	39	Dec. '91	...	...	31 25
360	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	41	Dec. '91	...	...	23 75
361	4	3	2	1	3	2	...	...	...	1	86	Dec. '91	...	2 00	82 50
362	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	...	...	1	47	Dec. '91	...	...	37 75
364	4	2	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	33	Dec. '91	3 25	...	43 00
367	7	5	5	1	3	2	9	...	...	2	125	Jun. '91	...	...	85 50
368	5	8	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	82	ec. '91	...	...	53 25
369	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	Dec. '91	...	2 00	53 75
370	1	1	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	52	Jun. '91	...	...	32 00
371	2	2	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	66	Dec. '91	...	...	56 00
372	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	37	Dec. '91	...	...	31 25
373	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	Jun. '91	...	...	17 25
374	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	Dec. '91	...	...	16 50
375	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	26	Jun. '91	1 00	...	17 50
376	5	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	44	Jun. '91	...	...	63 75
377	7	10	11	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	10	Dec. '91	...	...	76 25
378	5	5	4	1	2	2	3	...	...	...	58	Jun. '91	...	6 00	28 25
379	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	24	Dec. '91	...	...	16 75
380	5	5	4	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	86	Jun. '91	...	...	113 50
382	21	19	18	4	1	2	...	...	...	1	135	Dec. '91	...	...	105 25
383	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	22	Dec. '91	23 25	...	65 75
384	14	12	15	5	13	...	18	...	...	...	148	Dec. '91	...	...	187 25
385	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	32	Dec. '91	...	50	10 75
386	3	3	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	39	Jun. '91	21 25	...	22 50
387	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	Dec. '91	...	...	35 25
388	2	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	43	Dec. '91	...	2 00	31 50
389	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	50	Jun. '91	...	...	13 50
390	1	1	1	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	32	Jun. '91	...	...	10 50
391	3	3	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	69	Dec. '91	...	...	65 50
392	12	8	6	...	4	...	6	...	...	...	46	Dec. '91	...	...	24 75
393	2	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	Jun. '91	...	...	11 50
394	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	49	Dec. '91	...	...	28 75
395	4	4	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	36	Dec. '91	...	...	26 00
396	1	1	2	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	49	Dec. '91	...	...	42 50
397	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	29	Dec. '91	...	...	18 00
398	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	31	Jun. '91	...	...	17 50
399	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	Dec. '91	...	...	36 25
400	7	6	6	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	85	Dec. '91	...	2 00	74 75
401	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	Dec. '91	...	...	28 00
402	1	1	1	...	3	1	3	...	...	...	10	Jun. '91	...	...	73 75
403	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	Jun. '91	...	...	37 50
404	4	5	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	37	Dec. '91	...	2 00	31 50
405	17	20	19	4	9	...	7	...	...	...	76	Jun. '91	3 00	...	42 25

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNY, 1892, AND LAST

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
406	a The Spray	Fenelon Falls.	First Friday ..	J. L. Arnold....	E. Fitzgerald
408	Mu ray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. B. Dover	F. S. King
409	a Golden Rule ...	Gravenhurst ..	M. on or b.f.m.	A. A. Mowry	E. H. Firman
410	a Zeta	Toronto	Second Friday..	T. W. Todd	Chas. F. Mansell....
411	a Rodney	Rodney	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Daniel McLaren ..	Wm. Morris
412	a Keystone	S. Ste. Marie ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. F. Farwell ..	R. H. Knight
413	a Naphtali	Tubury Centre ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Richardson ..	David Ken edy
414	Pequonga	Rat Portage ..	W. on or b.f.m.	M. Nicholson ..	D. F. Ferguson.....
415	a Fort William...	Fort Wil iam...	First Wed	A. McDougall ..	F. C. Perry
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Stafford ..	A. M. Wilson
417	a Keewatin	Keewatin Mills ..	F. on or b.f.m.	Don. Robertson..	Wm. Steele
418	a Maxville	Maxville	Second Tues ..	C. T. Smith	A. P. Purvis
419	a Bismarck	Point Edward ..	Second Monday ..	James Fraser ..	Wm. Mitchell
420	a Nipissing	North Bay	Second Thur...	.....	Wm. B. Way
421	a Scott	Grand Valley ..	W. on or b.f.m.	G. H. Cooper ..	John D. Watson....
422	Star of the East...	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m.	W. I. Shephard ..	Chas. E. Bayley
423	a Strong	Sundridge	Third Wed	A. J. Howes	J. J. McGarrey
424	a D ric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Eastwood ..	Geo. Kerr
425	a St. Clair	Port Lambton ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	War. J. Finlay ..	W. H. McDonald ...
426	Stanley	W. Tor. Junct. ..	First Tuesday..	James A. Elis ..	Hy. C. Fowler.....
U. D	Nickel	Sudbury	First Wed	W. H. Howey ..	.....
U. D	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Ruby .....	.....
	Interest General Fund				
	" Asylum "				
	Sundries				

RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1892.

No.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withd'n.	Deaths.	S N P. D	S U M C.	Express	Restor'd	Total Members	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
406	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	Jun. '91	.....	.....	22 25
408	2	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	47	Jun. '91	.....	.....	45 00
409	2	1	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	34	Dec. '91	.....	.....	39 25
410	8	6	5	3	5	...	10	1	...	3	69	Dec. '91	.....	.....	61 75
411	3	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	27	Dec. '91	.....	.....	22 50
412	11	1	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	77	Dec. '91	5 00	.....	70 50
413	8	8	8	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	36	Dec. '91	.....	.....	29 50
414	6	10	9	3	2	...	...	...	...	1	90	Jun. '91	.....	4 00	35 00
415	8	2	9	1	4	...	5	...	...	1	54	Dec. '91	.....	2 00	53 75
416	1	1	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	25	Dec. '91	.....	.....	22 50
417	2	3	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	52	Dec. '91	.....	.....	39 25
418	2	4	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	40	Dec. '91	.....	.....	57 75
419	11	13	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	68	Dec. '91	.....	.....	53 75
420	8	6	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	89	Dec. '91	.....	4 00	61 25
421	9	9	11	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	74	Dec. '91	.....	.....	33 25
422	1	2	2	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	22	Jun. '91	.....	.....	18 25
423	6	10	10	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	31	Dec. '91	.....	3 75	29 75
424	1	3	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	29	Dec. '91	.....	.....	41 00
425	9	6	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	34	Dec. '91	.....	.....	48 25
426	9	12	13	6	2	2	...	...	...	...	41	Jun. '91	.....	16 00	69 75
U D	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	Dec. '91	.....	.....	45 25
U D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	.....	.....	20 00
....	1431	1314	1267	316	623	258	59	14	1	185	21428	.....	\$917 25	\$319 50	\$16593 25

2851 52
356 00
383 00

Moneys received from defunct lodges :—

183	13 00
213	13 00
214	11 75
241	37 75
259	40 00
335	5 00
340	10 00
366	41 50
407	4 00

Total.....\$26359 77

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. F. Jell, Rodney.

No. 34, Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 327, The Hammond	Wardsville
" 41, St. George	Kingsville	" 336, Highgate	Highgate
" 46, Wellington	Chatham	" 386, McColl	West Lorne
" 47, Great Western	Windsor	" 391, Florence	Florence
" 245, Tecumseh	Thamesville	" 391, Howard	Ridgeway
" 255, Sydenham	Dresden	" 395, Parvaim	Comber
" 267, Parthenon	Chatham	" 402, Central	Essex Centre
" 274, Kent	Blenheim	" 403, Windsor	Windsor
" 282, Lorne	Glencoe	" 411, Rodney	Rodney
" 290, Leamington	Leamington	" 413, Naphtali	Tilbury Centre
" 312, Pnyx	Wallaceburg	" 422, Star of the East	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey M.D., Wyoming.

No. 56, Victoria	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore	Mooretown
" 81, St. John's	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona	Arkona
" 83, Beaver	Strathroy	" 321, Alvinston	Alvinston
" 113, Cassia	Thedford	" 323, Ion'c	Napier
" 153, Burns	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin	Melbourne
" 153, Alexandra	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron	Camlachie
" 194, Petrolia	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold	Brigden
" 238, Havelock	Watford	" 419, Bismarck	Point Edward
" 260, Washington	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair	Port Lambton
" 263, Forest	Forest		

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3. (27.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alex. Hess, St. Thomas.

No. 20, St John's	London	No. 289, Doric	Lobo
" 42, St. George's	London	" 300, Mt. Olivet	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's	St. Thomas
" 64, Kulwinning	London	" 330, Corinthian	London East
" 94, St. Mark's	Port Stanley	" 341, Merrill	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown	Nilestown
" 120, Warren	Fingal	" 358, Delaware Valley	Delaware
" 140, Malahide	Aylmer	" 373, King Solomon's	London West
" 171, Prince of Wales	Iona	" 379, Middlesex	Bryanston
" 176, Spartan	Sparta	" 380, Union	London
" 190, Belmont	Belmont	" 383, Henderson	Ilderton
" 195, Tuscan	London	" 394, King Solomon	Thamesford
" 203a, St. John's	London	" 399, Moffat	Harrietsville
" 230, Cameron	Dutton		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Joseph Beck, Saltford.

No. 33, Maitland	Goderich	No. 205, New Dominion	New Hamburg
" 73, St. James	St. Mary's	" 224, Zurich	Hensall
" 84, Clinton	Clinton	" 233, Doric	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest	Exeter	" 303, Blyth	Blyth
" 141, Tudor	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh	Stratford	" 318, Wilmot	Baden
" 154, Irving	Lucan	" 332, Stratford	Stratford
" 170, Britannia	Seaforth		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5. (16.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton, Wingham.

No. 93, Northern Light	Kincardine	No. 284, St. John's	Brussels
" 131, St. Lawrence	Southampton	" 286, Wingham	Wingham
" 162, Forest	Wroxeter	" 331, Fordwich	Fordwich
" 184, Old Light	Lucknow	" 341, Bruce	Tiverton
" 197, Sauguen	Walkerton	" 362, Maple Leaf	Tara
" 225, Bernard	Listowel	" 393, Forest	Chesley
" 235, A'dworth	Paisley	" 396, Cedar	Wiarton
" 276, Teeswater	Teeswater	U. D.	Port Elgin

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. G. Wells, Simcoe.

No. 10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie.....	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	" 178, Plattville.....	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental.....	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland.....	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick.....	Delhi
" 82, St. John's.....	Paris	" 237, Vienna.....	Vienna
" 104, St. John's.....	Norwich	" 260, Thistle.....	Embro
" 106, Burford.....	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	" 379, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson.....	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Alfred Taylor, Galt.

No. 72, Alma.....	Galt	No. 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River.....	Beilin	" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
" 172, Ayr.....	Ayr	" 295, Preston.....	Preston
" 180, Speer.....	Guelph	" 303, Durham.....	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Pleasant	" 314, Blair.....	Palmerston
" 203, Irvine.....	Eora	" 315, Clifford.....	Clifford
" 216, Harr's.....	Orangeville	" 331, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
" 267, Galt.....	Galt	" 347, Mercer.....	Fergus
" 268, Guelph.....	Guelph	" 361, Waverley.....	Guelph
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston	" 421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.

No. 6, Barton.....	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton	" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	" 243, St. George.....	St. George
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford	" 272, Sevmour.....	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	" 321, Walker.....	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown.....	Waterdown
" 121, Doric.....	Brantford	" 382, Doric.....	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton	" 400, Oakville.....	Oakville
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles Pye, Clarksburg.

No. 79, Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 249, Caledonia.....	Midland
" 83, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	" 266, Northern.....	Stayner
" 90, Manito.....	Collingwood	" 285, Seven Star.....	Alliston
" 96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	" 304, Minerva.....	Stroud
" 93, True Blue.....	Albion	" 322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
" 137, Pythagoras.....	Meaford	" 333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
" 192, Orillia.....	Orillia	" 348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
" 230, Kerr.....	Barrie	" 367, Lorne.....	Shelburne
" 244, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	" 385, Spry.....	Beeton
" 236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. D. Garner, Niagara Falls South.

No. 2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain.....	Thorold
" 7, Union.....	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton.....	Niagara Falls
" 15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity.....	Dunnville	" 286, Temple.....	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram.....	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon.....	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin.....	Wellandport
" 168, Merritt.....	Welland	" 372, Palmer.....	Victoria
" 169, Macnab.....	Port Colbourne	" 373, Copestone.....	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen.....	York		

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11. (38.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Harry A. Collins, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 265, Patterson.....	Thornhill
" 22, King Solomon's.....	Toronto	" 269, Brougham Union.....	Brougham
" 23, Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	" 292, Robertson.....	Nobleton
" 25, Ionic.....	Toronto	" 305, Humber.....	Weston
" 54, Vaughan.....	Maple	" 311, Blackwood.....	Woodbridge
" 65, Rehoboam.....	Toronto	" 316, Doric.....	Toronto
" 75, St. John's.....	Toronto	" 326, Zetland.....	Toronto
" 83, Wilson.....	Toronto	" 339, Orient.....	Toronto
" 87, Markham Union.....	Markham	" 343, Georgina.....	Sutton West
" 97, Sharon.....	Sharon	" 346, Occident.....	Toronto
" 99, Tuscan.....	Newmarket	" 354, Brock.....	Cannington
" 118, Union.....	Schomberg	" 358, River Park.....	Streetsville
" 120, The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	" 367, St. George.....	Toronto
" 136, Richardson.....	Stouffville	" 369, Mimico.....	Lambton
" 156, York.....	Eglinton	" 384, Alpha.....	Toronto
" 218, Stevenson.....	Toronto	" 410, Zeta.....	Toronto
" 220, Zerodath.....	Uxbridge	" 424, D. ric.....	Pickering
" 229, Ionic.....	Brampton	" 426, Stanley.....	Toronto Junction
" 247, Ashlar.....	Toronto	U. D. Acacia.....	East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12 (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, Port Hope.

No. 26, Ontario.....	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood.....	Norwood
" 30, Composite.....	Whitby	" 268, Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville	" 270, Cedar.....	Oshawa
" 39, Mount Zion.....	Franklin	" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield
" 66, Durham.....	Newcastle	" 325, Orono.....	Orono
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	" 374, Keene.....	Keene
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough	" 375, Lorne.....	Ormeau
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope	" 398, Victoria.....	Victoria Road
" 139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa	" 406, The Spry.....	Fenelon Falls
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 408, Murray.....	Peaverton
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough	U. D. Fidelity.....	Port Perry

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, M.D., Concession.

No. 11, Moira.....	Belleville	No. 126, Golden Rule.....	Carleton Place
" 17, St. John's.....	Cobourg	" 127, Frank.....	Frankfort
" 18, Prince Edward.....	Picton	" 161, Percy.....	Warkworth
" 29, United.....	Brighton	" 164, Star in the East.....	Wellington
" 38, Trent.....	Trenton	" 215, Lake.....	Ameliaburg
" 48, Madoc.....	Madoc	" 222, Marmora.....	Marmora
" 50, Concession.....	Concession	" 239, Tweed.....	Tweed
" 69, Stirling.....	Stirling	" 278, Mystic.....	Roslin
" 91, Colborne.....	Colborne	" 283, Eureka.....	Belleville
" 123, The Belleville.....	Belleville	" 401, Craig.....	Deseronto

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (13.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. George Sommerville, Kingston.

No. 3, The Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston	No. 501, Leeds.....	Gananoque
" 9, Union.....	Napanee	" 212, Elysian.....	Garden Island
" 92, Cataract.....	Kingston	" 223, Prince Arthur.....	Odessa
" 109, Albion.....	Harrowsmith	" 253, Minden.....	Kingston
" 119, Maple Leaf.....	Bath	" 299, Victoria.....	Centerville
" 146, Prince of Wales.....	Newburg	" 404, Lorne.....	Tamworth
" 157, Simpson.....	Newboro'		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, Lyn.

No. 5, Sussex.....	Brackville	No. 207, Lancaster.....	Lancaster
" 14, True Britons.....	Perth	" 242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	" 356, Farran's Point.....	Farran's Point
" 25, Mount Zion.....	Kentville	" 320, Chesterville.....	Chesterville
" 55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	" 378, Salem.....	Brockville
" 74, St. James.....	Maitland	" 370, Harmony.....	Delta
" 85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	" 383, Henderson.....	West Winchester
" 110, Central.....	Prescott	" 387, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
" 125, Cornwall.....	Cornwall	" 389, Crystal Mountain.....	Norfolk Augustus
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 416, Lyn.....	Lyn
" 143, Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 16. (17).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. A. Klock, Klock's Mills.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa
" 52, Dalhousie	Ottawa	" 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet
" 53, Doric.....	Ottawa	" 196, Madawaska.....	Arnprior
" 63, St John's	Carleton Place	" 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 122, Renfrew	Renfrew	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa
" 123, Pembroke	Pembroke	" 264, Chaudiere.....	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi	Almonte	" 371, Prince of Wales	Ottawa
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 406, Mattawa.....	Mattawa
" 159, Goodwood	Richmond		

ALGOMA DISTRICT NO. 17 (5).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, Sault St. Marie.

No. 287, Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 415, Port William	Port William
" 412, Keystone	Sault Ste Marie	" 417, Keewatin	Keewatin Mills
" 414, Pequonga	Rat Portage		

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18 (7.)

R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, Bracebridge.

No. 352, Granite	Parry Sound	No. 420, Nipissing	North Bay
" 360, Muskoka	Bracebridge	" 423, Strong	Sundridge
" 373, Unity.....	Huntsville	" 427, Nickel	Sudbury
" 409, Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst		

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1	22	Lodge
St. Clair	" 2	19	"
London	" 3	27	"
South Huron	" 4	15	"
North Huron	" 5	16	"
Wilson	" 6	21	"
Wellington	" 7	21	"
Hamilton	" 8	21	"
Georgian	" 9	19	"
Niagara	" 10	21	"
Toronto	" 11	38	"
Ontario	" 12	22	"
Prince Edward	" 13	20	"
Frontenac	" 14	13	"
St. Lawrence	" 15	22	"
Ottawa	" 16	17	"
Algoma	" 17	5	"
Nipissing	" 18	7	"
Unattached		1	"
Total.....		347	

EXPULSION BY GRAND LODGE.

No. 377—William Isaac Degeer.

SUSPENSIONS FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 2—Charles Culver. 82—George Davidson. 119—S. D. Williams. 121—Samuel S. Hamill. 136—E. C. Davies. 144—W. H. Winstone. 148—E. C. Raper. 171—Henry F. Kipp. 231—Edward C. Raper. 290—E. R. Shepley. 316—Wm. D. Andrews. 348—Henry Jennings. 372—Geo. Dennahower. 410—E. C. Davies.

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 3—Thomas Boyle. 5—A. E. Fitton, T. P. Sparham, J. C. McEwan, W. T. Dockrill, Sam. Scott. 10—C. K. Brown, W. B. Coles, R. Rochester, J. F. Smith. 16—J. G. Bowman, D. B. Kiscock, J. H. Samo, L. A. Sexsmith, W. Stewart. 20—A. Cummins, J. Hollingsworth, G. Clark, A. M. Frederick, P. H. Watson. 24—E. Chalmers, C. Richards, J. Lindsay. 25—F. C. Moffat. 26—T. Crossen, T. E. Shipley. 28—H. Laing, John Selleck. 31—T. E. Gale. 33—H. Armstrong, Abram Smith, Wm. Mitchell, Jno. McLeod, A. Embury, John Scobie, Wm. Robinson. 38—R. Woolsey, J. E. Baker, Geo. T. Nean, L. Abbott, Sr. 40—Harry Bryant. 41—M. J. Patton, J. S. Wright, J. F.

Sherwood, Geo. Pierce, J. Bowes, S. J. Hill. 43—J. S. Farmer, G. A. O'Dill, J. Mason. 45—D. S. Anderson, A. J. Nelles, R. Pearce, Wm. Thomas. 46—H. Fitzsimmons, Wm. Wilson. 47—G. W. Botton, Thos. Gorst, J. K. Middough. 54—Thomas Devlin, F. Whitehead. 55—W. W. Robinson, H. McGurrel. 56—W. H. Morgan, A. H. Dalziel, Jas. McKenzie, John Fraser. 57—J. H. Thompson, G. W. Johnston. 61—T. Gordon, W. L. Treblecock, F. Kelk, J. Fathersall. 62—W. Dixon, J. Walker. 63—A. E. Proud, Rich. Baird, Ben. Leith, A. W. Bell, J. H. Brownlee, A. McGregor. 64—R. D. Colgrove, Jas. Malcolm, J. G. Brewer, H. W. Crach, F. H. Howard. 65—G. A. Barnett, J. Charter, J. Glanville, G. Hastings, W. G. Quingley, D. Rogers, G. A. Ross, J. B. Smith, J. Shipp, W. H. Fozer, E. S. Warne, A. R. Byington, Jas. Dale, J. H. Smedley, J. Sinclair, H. J. Cox. 68—A. J. McCarty, B. Allen, J. W. Holmes, W. W. Wooliver. 69—P. Meyers, W. Gav, H. Conley, P. Conley, S. Pelisier, W. H. Phillips, W. J. Reynolds, D. Smith, J. Doak, L. Bird, J. Rennie, J. Hawley, A. Martin, A. Phillips, J. Booth, S. Caverley, 75—J. E. Snider, 76—J. W. Stafford, C. Utting, P. H. McEwan, W. R. Bell, J. Quick, C. Iles, W. A. Close, Jas. A. Close, J. S. Falconer, J. Havener, Wm. Rice. 77—C. Reeves, H. McNeill, R. P. Seidmore, Wm. Weir, M. Kenney. 81—H. Fuller, H. Kennedy, R. A. Topholme, C. N. D. Tilden, A. Schultz, P. L. Adair. 82—C. S. G. Yarwood. 83—A. Meikison, D. A. Campbell, Thomas Vennor, J. Eakins, J. H. Lee, E. Hutchinson, H. H. Sands. 84—James McCartney, James Thompson, C. J. Tutthill. 86—T. H. Churchill, W. W. Farley, W. Kennedy, Henry Small, S. Wright. 88—E. Ferguson, John Sinclair, M. McNab, F. E. Wade. 90—J. H. Brethour. 91—P. Hinman, B. Hinman, J. Keith, James A. Kelley, S. S. Townsend, W. L. King, W. H. Smith, D. M. Christie, M. H. Peterson, James F. Banta, Robt. Coyle, H. H. Hawley, W. C. Dulauage. 96—A. G. Waters, J. Winterborn, M. Fletcher. 97—J. Doan, W. A. Ewing. 103—J. Buck, W. H. Fletcher, C. E. Secord, A. Bennett, N. Newhouse, C. Beckman, S. B. Turner, W. Connors, J. R. Newman, Wm. Campbell. 104—H. B. Anderson. 105—J. W. Matvey, J. B. Kennedy, V. B. Byron. 106—J. McClellan, E. M. Sage. 107—G. Adcock, W. R. Pincombe, G. Gardner, J. Adair, P. D. McLean, J. Baughart, C. Burch, L. G. Jarvis, B. L. Wells, D. Borland, W. R. Dunn, W. Blake. 115—E. M. House, C. Horrigan, J. George, S. Grobb, A. Albright, J. Simpson. 119—S. D. Williams. 121—P. H. McEwen, T. C. Bonlee, Jno. Blacker, C. Champion, H. Dixon, H. W. McPherson, W. A. Ostram, Jos. Waddington. 125—A. L. McKay. 123—Jas. Percival, J. S. Robinson, W. Rowan, Wm. Scott, T. G. Eoland, R. Bell, Jno. Dow, J. S. Fuge, W. J. Lee, W. Williams, R. Porteous, J. Ledgerwood. 135—Joseph W. Rolls. 137—T. Chambers, T. Randle, R. Kerr, K. Hurd, A. Lockerby, James Robertson. 139—G. Strie, J. G. Smith, Wm. Leek, G. C. Black, Jas. Gall. 141—E. Seigle, Chris. White. 143—J. S. Lochead, E. Bush, D. C. elland, W. Adams, A. Thompson, C. Clelland. 147—T. Swallow, Jas. Townsend, Jas. McMillan. 143—W. R. Bell. 155—E. O. Delong. 156—J. G. Creighton, W. J. Langrill. 158—A. Stokes, J. A. Robertson, Wm. Wright, Robert Anderson. 159—R. Wilson. 164—W. Phillips, L. Wilson, J. J. McD. Clemenson, W. H. Smythe, M. Petet, Bate-man L. Clark. 170—H. Goodier. 171—J. Britton. 174—J. A. Becker, T. H. Barrett, jr., Alf. Wm. Ross, J. C. Thomas. 177—A. Chatfield, C. A. Clarke, Geo. Crain, Geo. Finch. 180—T. R. Galer, J. Kribs. 181—C. J. McCollom. 184—D. Campbell, J. Johnston, A. McCrae. 194—A. H. McKenzie. 2.1—Hy. Collard, John Finucan. 209a—C. S. Lennie, H. A. McLean, J. C. Trebilcock, L. C. Leonard. 217—Wm. Armstrong. 218—E. Firth, M. A. Cash, T. E. Chapman, F. Humphries, Jno. Henderson. 219—W. F. Lamont, 220—Wm. Hogg, E. T. Cowan. 221—W. Aitchison, H. Besgood, W. S. Smyth, D. Carr, W. H. Bone. 222—J. Wilkinson, E. J. Cowain, R. J. Fallis, T. P. Webster, W. H. Shaw. 225—C. Bittman, A. Aitchison. 223—J. W. Denges. 231—Wm. Mooney, G. H. Taylor. 233—Ab. Nichols. 234—Thos. McKenny, I. G. Russeil. 235—Jas. Colbourne, R. Blackburn, D. M. Hopper. 236—D. K. Ross, O. R. Ferguson, Geo. McCluskey. 242—M. L. Pearson, Wm. J. Ferguson, P. Ferguson, Thos. Purvis, U. E. Brown, Jos. Avery, A. McDonald. 243—S. S. Nixon. 247—G. S. Miller. 253—H. Bowden, Wm. Dunn, B. Robinson, J. E. Reid. 256—James E. Graham. 255—Geo. Anderson. 260—Charles Moore. 266—B. Beatty, E. B. Saunders, H. Robinson, T. W. Coleman, J. J. Pilkey, F. J. Jewell, S. Coburn, F. Henderson, W. C. Train, E. C. Cross. 237—W. L. Tackaberry, John Hyslop, Samuel Perrin. 270—John Hill. 271—W. H. Grand, A. McLean. 274—A. Nelson, D. McGregor, I. Brown, W. P. Williamson. 289—W. A. Barclay, H. Barclay, J. Adams, H. Adams, M. D. Cameron, D. Fuller, H. Fraser, A. Gray, D. Locky, G. Lipset, R. Perry, J. Routledge, D. McArthur, G. H. Routledge, J. Wade, E. Zavits. 290—M. Gowman, J. Wilson, J. Hudson. 292—Jas. McFadden, P. T. McCallum, James Brett, Jos. Button. 302—F. Bryan, J. Beverington, W. G. Carter, J. Caldicott, Jas. Milligan, S. Shirk. 304—J. Ambrose, T. Brunskill. 307—R. Dunn, G. Dunn, H. Rook, Jas. Cleve, N. D. Wylie, D. Detwiler. 312—H. M. Mienner, N. A. Bailey, R. H. Best, Alex. Reid, F. M. Raby, James Graham, A. McDonald, Jno. Fisher, James Morton, W. A. Fraser, Wm. Anderson, D. F. McDonald, T. B. Roe, A. J. Davis, N. McPherson, Wm. Bodkin, O. B. Marshall, Jas. Fisher, John L. Judon. 316—W. Forbes, G. C. Williams, J. F. Wilkinson. 319—P. W. Holbrooke, W. W. Webb. 321—W. A. Felton. 326—John Plato, Jas. Robertson, James F. Lee. 338—H. Brown, Wm. Gates, H. A. Cook, P. Sensabaugh. 339—W. F. R. Collins, T. R. Poole, F. Farragher, J. Hughes, C. Greenwood, E. Robinson, A. Glenn, J. W. Mallory, R. Newell, T. Neff, W. H. McKay, W. McKee, E. Daldry, Alex. Gibb, D. F. McMillan, W. B. Porleton, J.

Trebilcock, J. Wa'sh, W. Parkinson. 344—John English, John Beverley, Wm. McKay. 345—W. B. Flewelling, N. Groves, T. C. Hewitt. 348—J. Brocks, J. M. Craigie, W. J. Keating, T. Tremar, Alex. Arnold, N. Fairburn. 354—R. C. Brandon, J. Cowan, R. Munro, N. Sandison Neil, B. Campbell. 353—R. A. Tupholm, W. Parsons. 359—W. R. Summcrfeldt, A. C. Wood, W. H. Davis, A. Word. 362—H. W. Hicks, N. McDougall. 364—D. Duncanson, N. McArthur, Jas. Thompson. 366—J. W. Brown, J. H. Evans. 367—H. J. M. Wilson, D. Craig, G. R. Harper, J. S. Seymour, F. B. Carey, H. A. Eastman, J. S. Foley, A. D. Ellis, R. J. Reid. 372—E. J. Burton, J. L. Shirlton. 377—H. J. Rolston. 378—H. L. Fysh, J. P. McLean, J. D. Smith. 379—Jos. Goulding. W. Whitaker, G. Cheney. 380—J. W. Edwards, J. Westbrook, J. C. Grant. 384—C. P. Collard, E. Aöler, J. A. Martin, W. J. Harler, J. A. Wadsworth, S. Hopkins, R. W. Purvis, J. R. Baruhart, C. L. Denison, J. A. Barnes, J. R. Hopkinz, M. Stothart, A. G. Hewish, M. H. Hasler, T. Boyce, R. Hayes, H. A. Hardman, W. H. Kelly. 390—W. F. Amsden, J. Atkinson, H. Carey, R. Carey, W. Congdon, W. E. Norton, E. Ralphzeyman, G. Rheintgen, E. R. Taylor. 392—D. Campbell, E. Campbell, B. Schram, James Campbell, Jno. Schram, G. Hill'er. 400—Geo. L. Tizard. 402—E. Dunstan, C. J. A. Batstone, Wm. Church. 403—Thos. H. Wright, James H. Hanna. 405—Geo. Snyder, R. Flogg, H. L. Nicho'son, James Nidd, James Lomax, R. H. L. Hardy, E. J. M. Chamberlane. 406—A. L. Hall, J. Reed, F. Sanford, S. Otto, James Paterson. 409—J. C. Anderson. 410—James Arnold, J. F. Cumming, John Hunter, E. G. Mingay, C. T. Strong, J. O. Orr, H. C. Haght, John Oag, M. R. Clissold, W. O. English. 415—John L. Brown, Edward Allen, A. T. Botsford, Alex. McDonald, William Hancock. 422—A. J. Baker. 423—B. McDermott, J. M. Brurdage. 425—D. F. McDonald.

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No. 6—S. S. Malcolmson. 7—Geo. H. Hewson. 9—F. Burrows, F. Chinneck. 11—W. A. Roblin, A. E. Davis, J. W. Campien. 15—G. T. Wilson. 17—Jno. Gillbard. 18—Jno. D. Gilbert, P. Marrion. 20—T. Flynn, Wm. Gerry, A. S. Cox, W. Kollmeyer, J. B. Harris. 21a—Charles Smith. 26—P. H. Salter. 28—A. H. Cameron. 30—G. H. Dartnell. 33—J. W. Phairs. 37—P. J. Brown. 38—James A. Orr, Geo. T. Nean. 40—J. G. Buchanan. 44—H. H. Hunt, A. B. Remy, 45—E. Kester, G. W. Thomas, W. J. Graves, E. Kester. 46—A. G. McKerrall, J. Dalgarns. 52—E. E. Hawkins. 54—T. E. Devlin. 55—Robt. Nevins, J. B. Arnold, F. Putman, G. W. Easton. 58—Hugh Craig. 61—B. A. Dunning, M. C. Beasley, H. Entwistle. 69—P. Meyers, S. Caldwell. 76—Henry Hayes. 77—Joseph Pollard, D. McGibbin. 78—John Cummings. 83—J. W. Minor. 90—W. R. Anderson. 91—D. Bradd, James F. Banta, J. Keith, W. H. Smith. 92—John Rockwell. 93—W. H. Carpenter, Geo. Monfaws. 94—F. E. Sheppard, G. C. Berg. 96—William Glenn. 97—R. Park. 103—A. Bennett. 109—T. W. Guess. 110—R. H. Collier. 119—John Hogle. 127—A. C. Peters. 129—E. H. Mussen, J. F. Smith. 133—John Drew. 135—Geo. Smith, Samuel Cox, Geo. W. Bradt, A. de Lonz, W. E. Bradley. 136—J. A. Ladd, P. G. Button. 137—H. West. 139—Thomas May, J. W. Ray, Wm. Leek. 141—Ed. Seigle. 142—M. Durant. 143—S. Redmond, McK. Stamp. 144—W. R. Knox. 153—J. M. McIntyre. 156—W. J. Langrill. 158—A. G. Elliott. 164—W. Phillips. 172—Robert Ross. 181—P. Thomson. 184—J. L. Cain. 185—R. A. Weir. 190—W. G. Woodworth. 193—D. A. Marlatt. 197—Wm. Walsh. 207—W. A. Jacobs, W. C. Dickson. 209a—W. A. Reid, L. H. Scandrett, L. C. Leonard. 212—John Bruyiere. 216—R. W. Greig. 217—F. M. Falls. 218—S. J. Sharpe. 220—John Somerville, T. Davey, A. Laur. 221—W. M. Undershott, H. James, H. N. Summers, J. W. McFarland. 222—B. O. Lott. 224—J. Hudson. 225—A. B. McCallum. 229—J. A. Sharp. 231—A. ex. Taylor. 236—D. Hopper. 238—J. M. Courtwright, E. Saunders. 241—David L. Brown (Restored by G. M.), Peter Williams (Restored by G. M.) 253—W. H. L. Atkins, C. E. Britton. 263—J. R. Kendall, James Hendry. 264—James Elliot, Chas. Beeson. 267—H. J. Eberts, F. L. Sanagan. 270—J. A. Gibson. 272—H. Richardson. 282—R. S. Bodman. 284—E. E. Wade. 289—L. Stitson, T. Hodgins. 291—W. J. Stutt, D. Erwin. 295—Geo. Green, J. Robb, J. Fryer, W. Jamieson, C. Brown, R. Freeland. 302—H. Kelso. 304—J. Ambro. 321—A. Winlow. 323—J. M. Courtwright. 326—T. A. Thompson, James F. Lee. 333—J. Elliot, Wm. Neilson. 334—C. C. Gren. 338—Alex. McGlashen. 341—B. Smith, Geo. Warder, P. Brown, Alex. McLeod. 344—Fred Russell. 345—J. Richardson, R. Pickel, A. Appleton. 346—T. A. Thompson. 348—R. Parker. 356—W. H. Law. 357—T. Ctway Gate. 353—John Wilks, Walter Parsons. 361—G. Gour. 362—N. McDougall. 367—S. Richardson, T. H. Murtin. 370—Abner Brown. 376—B. G. Beattie. 382—W. J. Vale. 382—W. J. Harland, G. P. Sills. 397—P. McGath. 410—James Arnold, E. G. Mingay, J. O. Orr. 413—Mat Martin. 414—James Weidman. 415—Wm. Hancock.

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2	Wm. Turner.....	Jan. 19..1892	52	S. Ridour.....	May 16..1892
12	R. Grant Warren....	June 10..1892	55	W. W. Robinson....	June 15..1892
3	John Trowell.....	Oct. 16..1891	56	Samuel Allen.....	May 16..1892
3	Wm. Carter.....	Feb. 11..1892	58	John Smith.....	Aug. 5..1891
3	Francis Elkington..	Feb. 17..1892	58	I. Morgan.....	Dec. 19..1891
5	P. H. Neild.....	Oct. 6..1891	61	D. Ross.....	Oct. 13..1891
5	D. Wylie.....	Dec. 21..1891	61	C. W. Smith.....	Feb. 1..1892
5	W. A. Schofield....	Jan. 26..1892	61	E. Mitchell.....	Feb. 22..1892
5	T. Joy.....	Feb. 24..1892	64	Alex. Henderson....	.....
6	F. D. Boyes.....	Sep. 27..1891	65	Jno. E. Pearson....	Jan. 27..1892
6	Jas. D. McCullough.	Dec. 28..1891	65	F. Jackman.....	Mar. 21..1892
6	J. Barker.....	Jan. 27..1892	66	A. McNaughton....	Apl. 24..1892
6	G. W. Shaver.....	Mar. 24..1892	69	S. Caldwell.....	Mar. 23..1892
6	W. Edgar.....	Apl. 13..1892	72	A. Kennedy.....	Nov. 25..1891
7	W. Scott.....	Nov. 15..1891	73	J. Trenneman.....	Sept. ....1891
9	A. Cuthbertson....	Mar. 10..1892	73	R. Box.....	June 25..1892
9	A. Craig.....	June 7..1892	75	R. Courneen.....	Oct. 28..1891
15	E. Rogers.....	July.....1891	75	D. Tennant.....	July 9..1891
16	J. Grove.....	Sept. ....1891	75	John Leys.....	Jan. 29..1892
16	J. W. Stanley.....	Nov.....1891	75	H. P. Harrison....	.....
16	A. A. Miller.....	Jan. 17..1892	76	Jos. Bruce.....	Aug. 31..1891
16	S. B. Harman.....	Mar. 26..1892	77	M. H. Berkeley....	May 10..1892
18	John Fralick.....	Nov. 4..1891	78	Wm. Forbes.....	Sep. 22..1891
18	Thomas Faughnan..	May 24..1892	78	W. Andrews.....	Apl. 13..1892
20	Thomas G. Lowe....	May 27..1892	81	J. Arnold.....	Feb. 23..1892
20	R. Luxton.....	June 24..1892	81	B. F. Bartlett....	Apl. 13..1892
20	Wm. Smith.....	No Date....	81	A. Baughart.....	June 13..1892
22	Wm. Molton.....	Nov. 11..1891	82	Alex. Peebles.....	Feb. 3..1892
22	D. McLellan.....	Mar. 16..1892	83	J. A. Alexander....	Jan. 13..1892
22	James E. Smith....	March.....1892	84	T. B. Salt.....	Feb. 1..1892
24	W. A. Lavell.....	July 3..1891	84	John Irwin.....	Apl. 2..1892
24	John Shields.....	Dec. 10..1891	92	John Irvine.....	Sep. 9..1891
26	James Bradley.....	Aug. 9..1891	92	A. Ayerst.....	Dec. 18..1891
26	J. B. Hall.....	Mar. 15..1892	92	E. Johnston.....	Feb. 1..1892
27	D. McLellan.....	Mar. 16..1892	92	S. Angrove.....	Feb. 13..1892
27	R. Noblett.....	Feb. 21..1892	93	W. B. McLardy....	Jan. 24..1892
27	R. Woods.....	Feb. 28..1892	94	Chas. Ead.....	May 22..1890
28	Wm. Bnrrill.....	Feb. 18..1892	96	H. Smith.....	Dec. 22..1891
30	Chris. Johnson....	Sep. 2..1891	96	W. H. Crosby.....	Oct. ....1891
30	J. H. Austin.....	Dec. 9..1891	96	John McWatt.....	May 21..1892
53	W. McLean.....	Jan. 9..1892	100	Dinnis Camp.....	May 18..1892
33	W. J. Harris.....	Apl. 21..1892	103	C. E. Stewart.....	Feb. 17..1891
35	Wm. Young.....	Jan. 5..1892	103	R. Ratcliffe.....	Apl. 10..1891
37	Wm. McMurry.....	.....	104	Asa. Durkee.....	Dec. 7..1891
40	T. McBride.....	Aug. 28..1891	105	Geo. Whatley.....	Feb. 27..1892
40	A. McLachlin.....	Sep. 25..1891	106	S. H. Wetmore.....	Dec. 19..1891
40	C. L. Thomas.....	Oct. 4..1891	107	J. B. Wells.....	.....
40	T. G. Furnival....	Dec. 16..1891	109	T. B. Caldwell....	June 24..1891
40	L. Wright.....	Jan. 21..1892	110	J. Craig.....	July 31..1891
40	Chas. Robertson..	Mar. 1..1892	110	W. H. Mason.....	Sep. 3..1891
40	Jas. G. Sinclair....	Mar. 5..1892	113	G. Wallace.....	July 6..1891
40	Jno. Clayton.....	June 20..1892	114	J. Wright.....	Oct. 19..1891
41	Thos. Thornton....	Dec. 25..1891	115	J. G. McLean.....	Feb. 12..1892
42	John Nicholson....	Apl. 12..1891	118	J. M. Hughes.....	Sep. 15..1891
42	J. H. Elliott.....	Mar. 21..1891	118	W. R. Jamison....	Dec. 19..1891
42	W. L. Graham.....	Sep. 3..1891	121	Seth. Wesley.....	Aug. 12..1891
44	Wm. Scott.....	Nov. 16..1891	121	W. McTaggart....	Feb. 12..1892
45	E. Kester.....	Dec. 29..1891	122	M. Burr.....	May 30..1892
46	G. A. Tye.....	July 23..1891	123	L. Johnson.....	Feb. 12..1892
46	T. H. Taylor.....	Nov. 3..1891	125	Thos. Doull.....	Sep. 5..1891
47	D. McLean.....	Nov. 19..1891	129	D. W. Doan.....	May 25..1892
48	Wm. Cce.....	Aug. 22..1891	131	J. A. Rutherford..	Mar. 25..1892
48	Edward Hill.....	Dec. 11..1891	135	John Lyon.....	Mar. 23..1892
52	W. S. Brown.....	Oct. 20..1891	139	R. Brown.....	Jan. 3..1892
52	E. Storr.....	Nov. 15..1891	139	Jno. Boyd.....	Jan. 31..1892

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139	W. S. Patterson	Mar. 7 ..1892	253	J. L. Weissert	Feb. 21..1892
142	W. Parlow	Oct. 29..1891	257	J. H. Peebles	Feb. 22..1892
142	Wm. McGill	Oct. 23..1891	257	W. N. Robinson	Mar. 15..1892
142	Alex. Vanallen	March 10.1892	263	M. H. Parker	Mar. 14..1892
142	C. E. Weedar	March 28.1892	264	John Oliver	June 15..1892
144	James Gibson	Jan. 26..1892	267	John McLerle	Feb. 12..1892
148	H. G. R. Tripp	Jan. 24..1891	268	George Bick	Oct. 11..1891
148	C. K. Dearnally	March 27.1891	274	A. Shillington	Mar. 14..1892
148	J. Adamson	May 26..1891	283	S. B. Burdett	July 20..1892
148	Sir J. A. Macdonald.	June 6 ..1891	286	Wm. Smyth	Dec. 21..1891
151	C. M. Lundy	Dec. 31..1891	287	A. S. Lloyd	Nov. 20..1891
151	Jos. C. Bowers	March ..1892	287	J. Flaherty	April 4..1892
153	J. S. Rogers	Oct. 28..1891	296	S. Pocock	Oct. 3..1891
153	T. Donald	March 8.1892	297	G. M. Ross	July 31..1891
155	W. Paterson	Jan. 6 ..1892	297	E. Graham	June 21..1892
159	Jas. L. Lee	March 6..1891	303	Thos. Mitchell	Mar. 31..1892
159	L. P. Manhard	Feb. 3 ..1892	309	Jno. Paterson	Jan. 24..1891
159	R. A. Owens	April 4 ..1892	314	C. W. Laing	Sept. 12..1891
161	Wm. T. Higgins	Oct. 16 ..1891	316	Jno. Sinclair	July 8..1891
161	David Glover	April 16..1892	316	J. W. C. Bedson	May 14..1892
165	Wm. Bothwell	Oct. 6 ..1891	322	J. M. Grant	June 20..1892
168	L. D. Raymond	Jan. 12..1892	324	Geo. S. Findlay	Sept. 24..1891
170	J. W. Carroll	Dec. 23..1891	324	Thos. D. Wanzer	Dec. 24..1891
170	T. W. Duncan	Jan. 17..1892	324	E. Mitchell	Feb. 13..1892
170	A. Strong	Feb. 29..1892	324	D. McLellan	Mar. 16..1892
174	W. Murph	Feb. 8..1892	324	T. Laidlaw	June 6..1892
180	J. Harle	Sept. 8..1891	326	S. B. Hurman	Mar. 26..1892
180	S. R. Moffatt	Oct. 8 ..1891	332	John Payne	Feb. 6..1892
180	J. E. Worsfold	Oct. 12..1891	333	J. J. Field	Aug. 16..1891
181	W. Wilkins	Oct. 9..1891	333	A. Hislop	Feb. 4..1892
184	John Campbell	Jan. 21..1892	336	W. M. Bacus .....	.....
190	G. Routledge	March 10.1892	341	Geo. Matheson	May 30..1892
192	F. W. Mandrell	Aug. 9 ..1891	344	F. Chittick	May 24..1892
192	C. McKenzie	May 8 ..1892	346	John H. Pattinson	Aug. 19..1891
192	J. R. Thompson	June 1 ..1892	346	Ben. Woff	Sept. 25..1891
197	J. F. H. Gunn	Aug. 12..1891	346	Albert Weller	Dec. 24..1891
201	James Robinson	Nov. 21..1891	352	Wm. McPhilemy	Nov. 12..1891
203	D. Foote	Oct. 10..1891	357	A. E. Baker	Feb. 1..1892
209a	James L. Young	March 28.1892	358	Wm. Searcliff	Nov. ....1891
209a	K. McDonald	June 23..1892	359	Thos. Clarke	Aug. 10..1891
218	A. W. Barclay	Oct. 9 ..1891	361	J. S. Rogerson	July 9..1891
218	H. Thompson	Jan. 8 ..1892	361	T. S. Petrie	Aug. 4..1891
218	J. J. Holmes	June 17..1892	362	Chas. Thompson	Feb. 10..1892
219	John Murray	March 20.1892	367	John McEachren	Nov. 5..1891
220	Wm. Hogg .....	.....	367	H. A. Morrison	Mar. 30..1892
220	E. L. Cowan	368	W. Williams	Feb. 18..1892
222	Wm. H. Wells	Nov. 8 ..1891	370	N. H. Howard	Jan. 8..1892
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229	D. W. Craig	Feb. 28..1892	392	John Webb	Feb. 25..1892
230	E. W. King	Oct ..1891	382	F. Sturdy	May 20..1892
230	A. Kerr	Feb. 17..1892	388	Patrick Lorraine	July 2..1891
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236	J. T. Fletcher	March 12.1892	398	Robert Wallace	Ap'l 16..1891
239	I. C. Huyck	March 27.1892	400	Wm. Martin	Ap'l 18..1892
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243	D. S. Eastwood	Feb. 20..1892	413	J. Hawkins	Aug. 6..1892
249	R. Finch	July 15..1891	417	Wm. Dennison	Mar. 12..1892
250	A. Stone	Feb. 15..1892	420	R. G. Croshey	April 7..1892
250	A. R. Monroe	July 25..1892	416	Robt. Boler	Nov. 4..1891
253	I. Newlands	Nov. 8..1891	426	Wm. Withridge	Jan. 31..1892
253	J. Greenfield	Dec. 21..1891			

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1892.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to submit the following report on the various proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have come to their hands during the past year. They are reviewed in the usual alphabetical order, and a list will be found at the close of the report. We will have all, or very nearly all, of the Grand Lodges in this report. Our extracts are so numerous and important that, in order to compress the matter within reasonable limits, we have been compelled to refrain from commenting to any great extent.

ALABAMA

71st Communication, Montgomery, December 1st, 1891.

George M. Morrow, G.M.

The Craft is in a happy and prosperous condition. Harmony has been their distinguishing characteristic. No vexed questions have disturbed their deliberations, nor have any entanglements required the interposition of the Grand Master. Their laws and ritual have been held sacred and inviolable. Their charities have been unostentatious and far-reaching, and the dignity of Masonry has been elevated to the highest plane. Thirteen new lodges were formed, and six defunct lodges were reinstated.

The following resolution was adopted:—

“WHEREAS, Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry, and should be strictly adhered to by all true Masons; therefore

Resolved, That any delegate from a subordinate lodge, who is found in an intoxicated condition at a session of this Grand Lodge, shall be publicly reprimanded by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and that his lodge shall arraign him for trial after due notice from the R.W.G. Secretary so to do.”

A special committee was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a home for the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons, and to report at next meeting.

The fraternal congress to be held at Chicago was endorsed.

The State was divided into 9 districts, and a district lecturer appointed for each, to be under the supervision of the Committee on Work, and the Grand Lecturer to instruct in the work.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1891 receive a kindly notice from Bro. Palmer J. Pillans. He commends our Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, for his diligence in making so many official visits.

Lodges, 337; members, 10,448; increase, 505.

George M. Morrow (Birmingham), G.M.

Myles J. Greene (Montgomery), G.S.

ARIZONA.

10th Communication, Phoenix, November 10th, 1891.

George W. Cheyney, G. M.

The increase in membership has kept pace with the population, but the conditions of business life in some portions of the territory are such that a large growth can hardly be expected. The Grand Master thus recounts an incident of pure Masonic charity that came under his observation :—

"Some months ago there came to one of the mining camps of the Territory a poor widow with three small children. She was an English woman, and had papers to prove that her husband had been a Mason in Hong Kong, had dimitted from there and gone to Australia, where he died. Efforts were being made by the brethren within reach to collect a sufficient sum to send her home, but before they succeeded she died. The orphans are destitute, and being cared for by the brethren in the vicinity. I reported these facts to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, R. W. Shadwell Clarke, who, notwithstanding the fact that the deceased brother had voluntarily withdrawn from the Order before his death, and by his own act relieved the Craft from responsibility, immediately forwarded a generous contribution.

"Such acts as this are a grateful proof that the most important tenets of our Order are still believed and followed, and that though divided by oceans our aims are universal."

A new lodge was formed at Willcox.

Bro. Cheyney has the following remarks on the ritual :—

"It is not an exaggeration to say that no two lodges of the jurisdiction have the same ritual, and that the differences are neither radical, nor on essential points, does not disprove the assertion that great lack of uniformity exists. Our Masonic edifice is built of stones hewed, squared and numbered in the four corners of the earth, and the diversity of Masonic education is a striking commentary on the power of innovation, and the changes made by time even upon our institution. We are taught, and would gladly believe, that Masonry can know no change, and yet no remark is more common among our members than 'I was not taught that way.'"

"We hope and look forward for the time when this condition must appeal with such force to the Masons of the world that they will join hand in hand in a search for the truth, but pending that desired ultimatum every Grand Jurisdiction should see that every lodge within its own limits is conducted in exactly the same ritual, and every Mason made by them be taught in exactly the same words. Omission is as serious an innovation upon the body of Freemasonry as addition, and any other method endangers the perpetuation of our Order and its principles, and leaves in the hands of individual opinion and preference the safety of our fundamental landmark.

"This Grand Lodge has adopted for the jurisdiction the ritual known as 'California Work,' but its exemplification is as varied as its exponents.

"It is simply impossible for a Grand Lecturer to give of his time and means to travel through such a vast country as ours, but lodges should be required to make some adequate provision for exact instruction."

On the same subject, the following report was adopted :—

"In regard to the matter of ritual, we think the work as given in this jurisdiction will compare favorably with that of many of our older sisters, and our brethren when visiting abroad are very frequently complimented upon their proficiency and understanding.

"The 'California Work,' as referred to in the address, was adopted several years since, at a time when the Masters made the lodges conform to their own ideas. Since the adoption of the Work, or Ritual, a considerable degree of uniformity has been reached, and the progress we have made places us in the front rank.

"The Grand Lecturer last year reported that he had not been called upon to lecture any of the lodges, which is an evidence that they were capable of conferring the degrees. It has been suggested that our work, which was kindly furnished this jurisdiction by the Grand Lecturer of California in 1884, without cost, should be printed in cypher, of abbreviated form. The Grand Lodge of California has refused to put its work in cypher, and it would be very discourteous, to say the least, for us to do that which those who gave it to us have persistently refused, more particularly when no emergency or necessity has arisen to warrant or countenance such action.

"We therefore recommend that no further action in this matter be had at this session."

Lodges, 10 ; members, 451 ; increase, 22.

Alexander G. Oliver (Prescott), G. M.

George J. Roskruege (Tucson), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

52nd Communication, Little Rock, November 17th, 1891.

W. K. Ramsey, G. M.

While there has been no special revival of Masonry in this jurisdiction, yet there has been a substantial and steady growth. The Grand Master refused all dispensations for picnics, barbecues, and other occasions not strictly Masonic. He mentions the death of the distinguished Albert Pike, who was made a Mason in Little Rock in 1850. We copy some of his decisions, containing novel points :—

"A lodge cannot lawfully rent its lodge room, the place where its meetings are held, for school purposes, or permit the same to be used, schools not being such charitable institutions as are contemplated by our law." * * *

"Drawing a pension does not of necessity imply that the beneficiary thereof is unsound in body to the extent of being barred from becoming a Mason." * * *

"A District Deputy Grand Master has no authority to delegate to another the rights, privileges, powers and prerogatives of his office.

"The fees accompanying a petition should be returned to the candidate if it is shown that after being elected, he has been prevented by bad health or unavoidable accident or misfortune from presenting himself for the degree within the required time." * * *

"Adultery, positively prohibited by divine law, is grossly immoral and grossly un-masonic. The Mason who practises it should be severely dealt with. A Master Mason's daughter or sister does not forfeit any protection due her character by marrying a profane." * * *

"The Grand Master has no authority to grant a change of venue for the trial of an accused brother. Neither has a subordinate lodge."

"Betting on cards or other gambling devices, like every other infraction of the moral law, or violation of the civil code, is a Masonic offence. On a trial for gambling, the evidence of parties engaged in the game with the accused brother is admissible, even though one or more of them may belong to the African race. The lodge is to be the judge of the credibility of all witnesses."

Ten new lodges were formed.

The recognition of New Zealand was again postponed, because 50 lodges there had not joined the new Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"Resolved, That the M.W.G.M. be authorized to appoint a committee of fifty Master Masons, holding membership in this jurisdiction, of which the Grand Master shall be chairman, to meet similar committees from other jurisdictions at Chicago, Ill., during the holding of the World's Fair, to confer upon the general interests of the Fraternity, and to promote uniformity in the work and harmony of action.

"Resolved, That said committee shall not enter into any arrangement looking to the formation of a National Grand Lodge."

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Sam. H. Davidson. He gives Canada for 1889 a fraternal notice.

Lodges, 420; members, 13,191; increase, 537.

C. A. Bridewell (Hope), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Special Communication was held at Vancouver on July 24th, 1891, to lay the corner-stone of the Young Men's Christian Association building, and another at Vancouver on April 30th, 1891, to perform a similar office for the Hospital for Women and Children.

20th Annual Communication, Kamloops, June 18th, 1891.

A. McKeown, G. M.

Peace and prosperity prevail. Three new lodges have been formed at Comax, Revelstoke and Mission City.

Tasmania and North Dakota were recognized.

A committee was appointed to prepare a burial service.

The death was announced of their Grand Secretary, Henry Brown, who was respected and loved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaint-

ance, and who rendered valuable service to the Grand Lodge at its formation, and for many years after.

Lodges, 10; members, 726; increase, 48.

Marcus Wolfe (Nanaimo), G.M.

W. J. Quinlan (Victoria), G.S.

CALIFORNIA.

A special Communication was held at San Francisco on New Year's day, 1891, for the purpose of performing the last sad rites at the funeral of their beloved Grand Secretary, Alexander Gurdon Abell, who had filled that important office for thirty-five years, and who was universally esteemed as a brother of the most noble impulses and the kindest heart.

42nd Communication, San Francisco, October 13th, 1891.

Alvah R. Conklin, G.M.

We quote the opening paragraphs of his very excellent address:—

"Peace and tranquillity have prevailed within our borders. No dissensions have arisen by which our harmony has been disturbed. No dissatisfied elements have been brought forth to mar our quietude, or vex or plague our prosperity, or hinder and retard our progress. Truly may we exclaim in the words of the prophet, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' As an evidence to you of that 'peace which passeth all understanding,' which has existed during the year that is about closing, I call your attention to the fact that, although we number two hundred and forty one chartered lodges, comprising a membership of over fifteen thousand, involving the varied interests, the different casts of mind and purposes incident to human beings, yet, but seven trial records have come up from subordinate lodges for the inspection of this Grand Body, for grievances, real or imaginary, which have arisen during the year, while in former times they have numbered annually from twenty to forty-five.

"In my intercourse with the subordinate lodges I have not, in a single instance, assumed the control of any question or subject which I believed to be vested in the lodges. I have avoided seeking or taking any responsibility which I thought was within the legitimate duty of the Master or lodge. It has been my aim and object to cultivate in the Master and lodges a spirit of 'Home Rule,' believing that they should control their own internal affairs, share the responsibilities, and be amenable to their liabilities. From the condition of the Order, its prosperity, its healthy growth and its utmost harmony, I am forced to the conclusion that this policy has had a beneficial effect, for at no time in the history of Masonry within this jurisdiction has the Order been in better condition than it now is.

"I am convinced that it is better for lodges and for Masters to be under as little restraint as is conducive to proper discipline. They should not feel the curbing power of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, unnecessarily; but should realize that, to a certain extent, they are sovereign bodies, though amenable to a common head.

"Too much law complicates affairs, and in time confuses by multiplicity. Too much power is liable to become oppressive and subject to abuse, though unintentional. Only so much authority is needed, or should be exercised, as is required to insure obedience and uniformity to our Constitution and Regulations."

Six new lodges were formed. A French lodge, in Los Angeles, assuming to work under the Scottish Rite, was condemned by the Grand Master as clandestine.

About the most important business was the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on Widows and Orphans' Home. This report is very interesting, and it reveals facts greatly to the credit of the State authorities in their liberal appropriations in aid of the orphans, which are no less than two-thirds of the cost of maintenance:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution for establishing a Widows' and Orphans' Home, have had the same under consideration, and herewith submit the following report:—

"By reference to reports received by the Grand Secretary, it is officially determined, from the lodges which have responded to inquiries concerning orphan children and widows of deceased Masonic brethren, that those who need the protection and support from the Craft are numerous, and with the growth of the state must necessarily be continuously increasing.

"From information gathered from various sources, the amount necessary for a year's care, maintenance, and education may be estimated at one hundred and twenty-five dollars and upwards for each orphan.

"Reference to the statutes of the State of California for the years 1880 and 1883 discloses the fact that the State pays to each and every Orphan Asylum in the State, in which the inmates are supported in part or wholly by charity, the sum of one hundred dollars per annum for each whole orphan, and seventy-five dollars for each half orphan and abandoned child maintained at such orphanage.

"From a tabulated statement received from the State Controller's office, we find there are twenty-two orphanages which are regularly receiving State aid in accordance with the provisions of the statutes above referred to, having an aggregate of 3655 children under their care.

"In no other State, as far as we have been able to learn, where Masonic Homes are situated, with the exception of North Carolina, are there any public funds thus used—such orphanages having to rely upon voluntary and charitable contributions entirely.

"California in this respect, as in many others, is peculiarly favored, and when the Masons shall have established here an Orphans' Home, and to the support of which shall themselves have first generously contributed, they have a guaranty that two-thirds of the cost of maintaining the inmates will be defrayed by the State; and thus every orphan child of Masonic parentage in the State can be abundantly supported, educated and trained to useful occupations and trades under the protecting care of this Grand Lodge. And emulating the example of our sister States of Kentucky, Michigan, New York, and many others, we recommend the following plan:—

"That this committee forthwith select a list of fifty names—members of the Grand Lodge of California—and said names to be approved by the Grand Master, who shall constitute the charter members of an association to be known as the 'Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of the State of California,' and from these fifty names a selection of fifteen shall be made by the present Grand Master and his successor, who shall act as its Trustees; the first five named by them to serve for three years, the five next mentioned to serve for two years, and the five last named to serve for one year; and annually thereafter the Grand Master-elect, at his installation, shall appoint five members of the Grand Lodge to serve as Trustees for the three years next ensuing, and said Trustees shall become members of the association.

"Any Masonic body, association or individual, who may contribute five thousand dollars for the benefit of this Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, shall be entitled to representation and equal powers in the Board of Trustees until such Board shall reach twenty-five in number; such representatives, however, must be members of the Grand Lodge, and their selection approved by the Grand Master, and shall be properly chosen, and designated annually by the parties whom they represent.

"The Board of Trustees shall immediately organize with the selection of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and divide into three Standing Committees, viz.: an Executive Committee, a Building Fund Committee, and an Endowment Fund Committee.

"The Association thus formed shall prepare and adopt a Code of By-Laws, which shall be approved by the Grand Master before taking effect, and after first providing for the orphans, shall, with limitations, consider the subject of the support of widows, and afterwards indigent Masons.

"In furtherance of the above plans and objects, this Grand Lodge hereby contributes from its treasury the sum of five thousand dollars whenever the contributions from other sources shall have reached the aggregate sum of forty-five thousand dollars."

This scheme was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and their report was adopted as under:—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the report of the Committee on Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, beg leave to report:—

"That it has not time to prepare and present to this Grand Lodge a complete scheme in relation to the establishment of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, nor has this committee given the subject the careful consideration which the regular committee appointed for this purpose has done, but believing the establishment at an early day of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home is the unanimous wish of the Masons within this jurisdiction, it respectfully presents the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed by the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to organize a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home Association or Incorporation, in manner as to that committee may seem best; and which association or incorporation, when so formed, shall have full power to purchase, receive, use and appropriate for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, all necessary property, real and personal, or moneys which can be obtained by the said incorporation or association, by purchase, donation or otherwise; and to that end, and for these objects, to receive donations from all Masons or Masonic Lodges within this jurisdiction, and to select, receive as a gift, or purchase a site for said Home

and, finally, to do and perform all needful acts necessary to carry into successful operation the said enterprise."

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized. Further information was required as to the new Lodges of Tasmania and New Zealand.

A proposal to reduce the minimum initiation fee from \$50 to \$30, received a majority of votes, but not sufficient to amend the constitution.

Bro. James M. Ellis reports on correspondence. Canada does not appear.

Lodges, 246 ; members, 16,262 ; increase, 456.

William Johnston (Courtland), G.M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G.S.

COLORADO.

31st Communication, Denver, September 15th, 1891.

Ernest Le Neve Foster, G.M.

On the state of the Craft, he says :—

"The past year has been one of no unusual importance. The Craft in this jurisdiction has been steadily growing, keeping pace with the commonwealth. Some new lodges have been started under auspicious circumstances, and the old lodges are prospering, as far as I have been able to learn. There have been no serious matters of dissension among the Craft, though some matters of jurisdiction have been called to my attention, all of which have been settled without trouble. The physical structure of our State is such that the old air-line boundary of jurisdiction often works a hardship, and makes it inconvenient for persons to petition the nearest lodge, since high mountain ranges may intervene and make the further lodge in distance the most accessible. Such was the case in one instance brought to my attention, and which you may be called upon to consider."

The Grand Master visited twenty-five lodges, and found them well posted in the work. He laid the corner-stone of two school-houses and a hospital, but very properly refused to perform a similar office for a hotel. He opened four new lodges.

The new Grand Lodges of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania were recognized, and the following report was adopted :—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to other Grand Bodies, would respectfully submit the following report :

"The rebellious action of the representatives of certain extinct lodges in organizing a so-called Grand Lodge of Masons within the jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, between whom and this Grand Lodge the most fraternal relations exist, calls for an immediate expression against such disloyal and unwarranted proceedings ; therefore,

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Colorado hereby declares the so-called Grand Lodge of Masons, recently organized within the jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, to be a spurious and clandestine organization, and the lodges of this jurisdiction are hereby warned against holding Masonic communication or intercourse with said clandestine Grand Body, or any of its subordinates or their members."

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf reports on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1890 receive due attention.

Lodges, 80 ; members, 5,719 ; increase, 470.

John M. Maxwell (Leadville), G.M.

Ed. C. Parmelee (Denver), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

104th Communication, Hartford, January 20, 1892.

Hugh Stirling, G.M.

The year 1891 was exceedingly prosperous and harmonious. Most of the lodges had work, and many of them were very busy.

One lodge had sent an indigent member to the public almshouse. This was condemned by the Grand Lodge as unmasonic and uncharit-

able. Another lodge in the same town took the brother out of the almshouse, and cared for him at an expense of \$192.35, which amount the Grand Lodge ordered the first lodge to repay within 60 days.

In appropriate recognition of the twenty-five years' service by Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, the following report and resolution were unanimously adopted :

"Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of the quarter of a century service of our Grand Secretary, beg leave to report :

"That they can add nothing to what has been already justly said in commendation of our Grand Secretary. His praise is in the mouths, his love in the hearts of all. They therefore recommend the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the sum of \$500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be tendered to R.W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, as a slight testimonial (in such form as the M.W. Grand Master may elect) of the high appreciation of the Grand Lodge of the twenty-five years of his faithful, intelligent, and efficient services as Grand Secretary and as an expression of the best wishes of the craft for his health and happiness."

Bro. Wheeler reports on correspondence. He comments on the frequency of ceremonial labor in Canada for church and public organizations, showing cordiality of feeling between them and the Craft.

On the organization of lodges under dispensation, he says :

"We think the opinion of Brother Pike correct, that the so-called dispensations are of modern origin, and we base our conclusions upon the old records of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. They furnish no evidence of such authority existing as the prerogative of the Grand Master. Lodges were only organized by charter from the Grand Lodge, and all petitions came direct to it, oftentimes laid over for a committee to make due investigation of the locality, and to determine the necessity for a new lodge, examine the Master nominated in the petition to ascertain whether he was well qualified, and report at the next stated communication, when, if favorable, a charter was ordered.

"The dispensation authority seems to have sprung into life about the time that masonry began to revive from the effects of the anti-masonic excitement, when old lodges that had been extinct on account of the trouble, began to petition for the restoration of their old charters. Then it was that the Grand Master was authorized by special legislation, to issue his dispensation for any of these old lodges to resume work during the interim, and the fee fixed for such a dispensation was fifteen dollars.

"We are favorably inclined to this old method of erecting new lodges. Once each year the opportunity is offered at the annual session of the Grand Lodge to receive such petitions and act upon them, which is frequent enough for the welfare of the Craft. When a lodge is thus organized, it becomes a full-fledged body, with equal powers, and not an inchoate bantling without authority, dependent upon the will and pleasure of one man for its continued existence."

Lodges, 111 ; members, 15,641 ; increase, 249.

Hugh Stirling (Bridgeport), G.M.

Joseph K. Wheeler (Hartford), G.S.

DELAWARE.

85th Communication, Wilmington, October 7th, 1891.

James S. Dobb, G.M.

Harmony prevails, and the lodges are generally in a healthy and prosperous condition. The Grand Master reports the case of one lodge which was summoned to show cause why their charter should not be arrested for non-compliance with the order of the Grand Lodge, against joint occupancy of lodge-rooms. They have been for three years avoiding compliance. On their case being considered by the Grand Lodge, they secured a further extension of one year.

An important question of jurisdiction was thus presented :—

"On July 1st, 1891, I received the following appeal from the Secretary of Oriental Lodge, No. 27, under the seal of the Lodge :

"At a regular Communication of Oriental Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M., held on the above date, the following motion was offered and passed :

"On motion, this Lodge appeal to the M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Delaware in behalf of Past Master Francis L. Carpenter, that he have all the rights and privileges

"of a Master Mason in visiting other jurisdictions, he having been denied admission to Bristol Lodge, No. 25, of Bristol, Penna., on June 20th, 1891."

"On August 11th, 1891, I wrote to R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania asking why Past Master Francis L. Carpenter was denied admission to Bristol Lodge, No. 25, of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. In due time I received the following reply :

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND MASTER OF F. AND A. MASONS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, August 26th, 1891.

"James S. Dobb, Esq., M. W. Grand Master, A. F. & A. M., of Delaware.

"M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—Owing to my absence from the city, the letter of the District Deputy Grand Master, whose district embraces Bristol Lodge, No. 25, written on the 18th inst., in response to mine of the 12th, conveying the complaint of Brother Francis L. Carpenter, did not reach me until this evening.

"D. D. G. M. Vandegrift reports that Brother Francis L. Carpenter applied for admission to Bristol Lodge, No. 25, at its stated meeting on the 20th of June last. No brother present being able to vouch for him, an Examining Committee was duly appointed, who in the performance of their duty found Brother Carpenter to be a 'Cerneau Rite' Mason, in consequence of which he was denied admission in accordance with instructions from the Grand Lodge.

"The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having declared the Cerneau Rite to be clandestine, and one of my predecessors having in pursuance thereof issued an Edict instructing the W. M.'s of all the lodges in the jurisdiction not to admit as a visitor, any person claiming to be a Free and Accepted Mason, who is a member of any body of the said clandestine 'Cerneau Rite,' either in this or any other Masonic jurisdiction, the action of the Bristol Lodge, No. 25, in refusing admission to Bro. Carpenter was strictly in accordance therewith."

"I am fraternally yours,

"J. SIMPSON AFRICA,

"Grand Master."

"Brethren, this is a very grave question, upon the decision of which very serious results may result, and the Communication of this M. W. Grand Lodge was so close at hand, I hesitated to take individual action in the matter, preferring to lay the whole matter before you for your consideration and disposal.

"The question raised by this appeal and the decision of the R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania is a very serious one. No less than the right of visitation by Brethren of this jurisdiction, having been regularly made, and being in good standing in their lodge.

"I invite for this matter, your serious and careful consideration, and your calm and intelligent judgment, without fear or favor, and would recommend that this appeal and the whole subject be referred to a special committee to report at this Communication."

A committee was appointed as recommended, and they made a verbal report, asking further time until next year, and their request was granted.

The following resolution was adopted ;

"That the Grand Secretary be requested to correspond with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, and ascertain at what date a warrant or charter was granted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, to hold a lodge of Masters at or near Cantwell's Bridge, in New Castle County, in the then Province of Pennsylvania. It is supposed to have been prior to 1750."

A uniform code of by-laws was discussed and amended, and ordered to be submitted to the lodges for adoption.

Bro. L. H. Jackson reports on correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives due notice.

Lodges, 21 ; members, 1,787 ; increase, 45.

Nathaniel F. Wilds (Smyrna), G.M.

William S. Hayes (Wilmington), G.S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

81st Communication, Washington, Nov. 11th, 1891.

Thomas F. Gibbs, G.M.

From his excellent address we make the following extract :

"St. John's Mite Association is performing its labor of love in a quiet way under an able management, and is carrying good cheer and sunshine to homes where the clouds of misfortune have fallen.

"The time appears to be propitious, and the need exists, for the establishment of a home for our Masons' widows and orphans. Lodges are prosperous, calls for charity

small, and many brethren are of the opinion that a properly organized plan for the accomplishment of this most desirable measure would meet with undoubted success.

"In my opinion the St. John's Mite Association, with its distinguished and experienced officers, should be given the charge of this undertaking, as it would be the proper organization to have control of this institution when established.

"The necessity for a new Masonic Temple, suitable for the requirements of our fraternity, is constantly increasing. It is earnestly hoped that the committee having this matter in charge may formulate some plan by which the desired result may be attained.

"Our jurisdiction is so situated that we are more subject to imposition by unworthy Masons than probably any other locality.

"I am aware that at least one visitor, regardless of his position as an expelled Mason, visited our lodges and accepted our fraternal hospitalities. I therefore recommend that our Grand Secretary be directed to request that Grand Secretaries of other jurisdictions in the United States forward to him a list of their expelled members at a date as early as convenient after the receipts of the same each year.

"I am of the opinion that a digest of the decisions made by our Grand Masters (when sustained by action of the Grand Lodge), if compiled and properly arranged by some one competent to perform that labor, would be of great value to masters of lodges, to the Grand Master, and, in fact, to the whole fraternity.

"For the accomplishment of this object, I recommend that the present Grand Secretary be authorized to make such compilation and cause it to be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge each year, and that a suitable compensation be provided therefor.

"I also recommend the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the advisability of holding a reception one evening each year, in some hall suitable for the purpose, under the direction of the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge, where the brethren of the fraternity and their lady friends might meet for mutual acquaintanceship and enjoyment.

"In one of our lodges, Washington Centennial, No. 14, a beautiful custom has been inaugurated this year, of setting apart one evening in each year, for the purpose of memorial services for those who have passed to the celestial Lodge above.

"Attending the first meeting of this kind, I found the lodge beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and evergreen—suggestive of immortality.

"The ceremonies consisted of recitals of incidents connected with the lives and services of the deceased brethren, and music appropriate on such an occasion. The scene was at once touching and elevating.

"Without the gloom enshrouding a lodge of sorrow, it was a tribute to the memory of those who had departed, and suggested a trustful belief in the resurrection and the immortality of the soul. It was a Masonic incident worthy of record and imitation."

On the subject of non-payment of dues, the following is a summary of the conclusions of the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"1st. That the non-payment of dues is not, properly considered, a Masonic offence, and that dropping from the roll is not a Masonic punishment.

"2nd. That a member can be debarred from membership for non-payment of dues, and that such is the law in this jurisdiction.

"3rd. That a brother who has been dropped from its roll of members by action of a lodge, and in accordance with its by-laws, has no rights whatever as a member of that lodge from the time of such action on the part of the lodge until he pays his indebtedness and again becomes a member, which, under the present law he can do of his own volition within one year from the time of his being dropped, and after the expiration of that time by written application and favorable action by the lodge.

"4th. That the Masonic status of a dropped member of a lodge is that of an unaffiliated Mason."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. Canada does not appear.

Lodges, 29; members, 4,202; increase, 332.

Fred. G. Alexander (Washington), G.M.

William R. Singleton (Washington), G.S.

FLORIDA.

62nd Communication, Jacksonville, January 20th, 1891.

Henry W. Long, G.M.

He formed ten new lodges. He ruled that a member who visits a colored lodge should be disciplined, not because the colored lodge is

composed of colored men, but because all colored lodges in Florida are clandestine.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. In it he recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico. Canada, for 1890, receives a full notice, but he has got the writer mixed up with the present Grand Master, being probably misled by the similarity of the names. We had the pleasure of making Bro. Dawkins' personal acquaintance in Chicago, in 1887, when we were Grand Master. On Masonic homes and charity funds, Bro. Dawkins well says:—

"That every Grand Lodge should devise some practical means and method for the adequate relief of the just demands of charity upon its jurisdiction, is not a question of doubt, but what method or plan will accomplish the most good, with a given amount of investment, is a very important question, whenever the means and ends are matters of consideration. Masonic Homes, for the maintenance of widows, orphans, and indigent Masons, have been established by many of the Grand Lodges, which justly give them fame and glory, and by them great good is accomplished; and, in perhaps every instance, Charity Funds are also established, and this seems to be a growing enterprise among the Grand Lodges, and many beneficiaries there are who 'rise up and call them blessed,' but, in every instance, the expense of maintaining those 'Homes' is a continual severe tax upon the fraternity where they severally exist, and so much so that we have been seriously impressed that a well devised grand charity 'Sinking Fund,' the interest whereon only is dispensed with charity, would be attended with more satisfactory results."

63rd Communication, Jacksonville, January 19th, 1892.

Angus Patterson, G.M.

The reports show the lodges to be mostly in a very good condition, and the outlook is very favorable. Five new lodges were formed.

The following constitutional amendment was adopted, indicating that Past Masters have no right to vote for Grand Officers:—

"The members of the Grand Lodge, by inherent right, are the Masters and Wardens of all the particular lodges of this jurisdiction, and U. D. lodges who have duly applied for and obtained their charters, and whose fees and dues to the Grand Lodge have all been paid, 'or their duly appointed proxies, and who, with the elected officers of the Grand Lodge,' for the time being only, have the right to vote for Grand Officers."

Lodges, 122; members, 3,910; increase, 166.

Angus Paterson (Madison), G.M.

Dewitt C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), G.S.

GEORGIA.

105th Communication, Macon, October 27th, 1891.

John S. Davidson, G.M.

The spirit of Masonry has been almost everywhere revived to an astonishing degree. Twenty-three new lodges were formed. For the first time in very many years, every lodge but one is clear on the books.

When Bro. Davidson was first elected Grand Master, eight years ago, the bonded debt of the Grand Lodge was \$10,000, and by his able efforts they are now out of debt, and their temple is their own, so they held a jubilee, at which a number of very interesting addresses were delivered.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"WHEREAS, In the make-up of the *American System of Freemasonry*, there is embraced *Blue or Symbolic Masonry*, with its several Grand Lodges, representing in their sovereignty the foundation Rite—*Capitular Masonry*, represented by the Grand Chapters, and their confederation into a General Grand Chapter; *Cryptic Masonry*, represented by the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and their confederation into a General Grand Council; *Templar Masonry*, represented by the Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar, and their confederation into a Grand Encampment; *The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite* Masons, represented by the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the several States and by the Supreme Councils of these Inspectors-General for the *Southern Jurisdiction* and for the *Northern Jurisdiction* of the United States and their Territories

"AND WHEREAS, These several bodies exist as separate organizations, representing respectively these various divisions of a common fraternity, distinct as organizations, but one as a brotherhood.

"AND WHEREAS, It is believed that a more intimate interchange of fraternal courtesies between these several organizations, and the establishment of some legitimate channel of inter-communication between these several bodies will tend to brighten the chains that bind us together, serve to give strength to that union, enable us to unite or to concentrate our forces and powers for good, and to solidify the entire commonwealth of Freemasonry.

"Therefore, For the purpose of opening a channel of fraternal inter-communication between the several organizations entering into the make-up of this American system and for the establishment of more intimate fraternal relations, be it

Resolved, That some steps be taken looking to the establishment of a system of *Foreign and Domestic Correspondence*, as a proper and legitimate channel of inter-communication and information for said several organizations, as to the status and condition of the same for the jurisdictions of this country.

"For carrying forward this object, be it further

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, the Grand Secretary, in the distribution of our printed proceedings, do send three copies of the same to the following Grand Bodies, viz.:

"The Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Georgia.

"The Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Georgia.

"The Grand Commandery, K's T. of Georgia.

"The General Grand Chapter, R. A. M. United States of America.

"The General Grand Council, R. & S. M. United States of America.

"The Grand Encampment K's T. United States of America.

"And one copy of the same to:

"The Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, A. & A.S.R. of Georgia.

"The Sov'n. Gr'd. Commander, S.J., A. & A.S.R. United States of America.

"The Grand Commander, N. J., A. & A. S. R. United States of America.

Resolved, That the above and foregoing bodies and officers be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to reciprocate by sending, severally and respectively, copies of their printed proceedings to our Grand Secretary, to be distributed as are the printed proceedings of sister Grand Lodges in fraternal correspondence with this—that is, one copy to the library of this Grand Lodge; one copy to the Grand Master and one copy to the Committee on Foreign and Domestic Correspondence. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be, and they are hereby, directed to include in their several reports, from year to year, a review of the printed proceedings of such bodies, hereinbefore designated, as may be received by them. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That the various bodies, composing this American system, be, and they are hereby, respectfully and fraternally requested to give this matter their earnest attention, and to lend their aid in opening the proposed channel of information and inter-communication as herein proposed by the adoption of this, or some other plan for the accomplishment of the desired end. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Lodge, with power and instruction to communicate with the several Grand Bodies of this State, and of other jurisdictions included within the scope of these resolutions, with a view to the consummation of the object herein contemplated, and to suggest that the Correspondents of the several jurisdictions be requested to review respectively and reciprocally the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies of their respective States or Territorial jurisdictions. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That such committee report progress at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Body, and thence annually, continuing their work from time to time and from year to year, until such time as the contemplated foreign and domestic correspondence and fraternal inter-communication shall have been established, or until such time as it may become evident that such a channel cannot be opened, or such a system worked as is contemplated in the body of these resolutions."

The Report on Correspondence is by Bros. Bigham, Mumford and Ramsay. Bro. Bigham notices Canada for 1890 in complimentary terms. In his review of the Grand Lodge of England, he says—

"We have not yet seen that the lodge of which the Prince of Wales is a member, has taken any steps in the matter in which he recently participated that resulted in the loss of Cumming's commission in the English army. We wait to see. Meanwhile we would say the English army is no better than English Masonry, and respectfully remind our brethren there is a clause in our obligation that does not allow even membership to 'irreligious libertines,' much less high official stations. We want no gambling or cheating at Baccarat, or such associations as appear to have existed in the scandal referred to."

Lodges, 366; members, 14,703; increase, 1,253.

John S. Davidson (Augusta), G.M.

A. M. Wolihin (Macon), G.S.

IDAHO.

24th Communication, Boise City, Sept. 8th, 1891.

George Ainslie, G.M.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as refers to the clandestine Cerneau rite, fraternally report as follows :

"Your committee deem the Cerneau rite clandestine, and productive of evil, and only evil, in all its tendencies, and offer the following resolution for your adoption :

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply deplore the discord and schism caused by this clandestine body in other jurisdictions, and earnestly recommend that the Craft in Idaho have nothing whatever to do with this rite, and that we protect ourselves from the evils thereof by simply letting it alone.

"Your committee would respectfully submit the following resolution relative to so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge :

"Resolved, That all matters relating to the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be referred to a special committee, consisting of Brothers E. A. Stevenson, A. O. Ingalls, and T. W. Randall, to report at the next regular session of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized. The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria was postponed until the next annual communication, and recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was refused, but for what reason we are not informed.

The State was divided into six districts, and the Grand Lecturer is to select a district lecturer for each district to instruct the lodges under his supervision, and no Master can be installed unless he produces a certificate from the Grand Lecturer that he is satisfactorily informed in the new work and can instruct the lodge over which he is called to preside.

Bro. Chas. C. Stevenson reports on correspondence. Our proceedings were not received.

Lodges, 21 ; members, 825 ; increase, 117.

John Henry Myer (Placerville), G.M.

James H. Wickersham (Boise City), G.S.

ILLINOIS.

52nd Communication, Chicago, October 6th, 1891.

John M. Pearson, G.M.

The returns show that their lodges have been busy, and that a greater increase in numbers has been made than in former years. Five schools of instruction were held. The Grand Master attended all, and was fully convinced of their utility. He thus describes the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of their immense fraternity temple :—

"Nov. 6th, assisted by the officers of an occasional Grand Lodge, I laid the corner stone of the 'Masonic Fraternity Temple' in the city of Chicago, Cook County. The lodges of the city joined in procession, escorted by the Sir Knights of the several commanderies, the number being given at over 5,000, attended by bands of music and a vast concourse of interested citizens. The ceremonies were in accordance with our ancient customs ; R. W. Bro. Gilbert W. Barnard acting as D.G.M., W. Bro. Hugh McMillan as S.G.W., W. Bro. George W. Warvelle as J.G.W., and M.W. John C. Smith in charge of all the details, and chairman of the committee of arrangements. The Oriental Quartet sang 'Laying the Stone,' and M.W. DeWitt C. Cregier delivered the oration." The Chicago *Graphic* says : "The laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Fraternity Temple in Chicago, Nov. 6th, 1890, marks the most notable event in operative Masonry since the achievements of ancient days." I cannot close my report of this notable event without a tribute of respect and love to the brother who was most active and zealous in promoting the enterprise—NORMAN T. CASSETTE. Hopefully, actively and faithfully he labored to realize this, his cherished conception of what ought to be done, and of what the Masons of Chicago could do. Alas! he has not

lived with us to see its completion. But as its walls rapidly rise, and so long as they shall stand, they will call to the grateful remembrance of every Mason in our land the name of NORMAN T. GASSETTE."

Dispensations were granted for fourteen new lodges.

A notable feature of the proceedings was the reception accorded to our R. W. Bros. David McLellan and Edward Mitchell, which is thus recorded:—

"M. W. Bro. Cregier :

"*M. W. Grand Master*: It gives me pleasure not to introduce distinguished brethren from our own country, but from abroad—not very far abroad, sir—only over the line into Canada. I desire to introduce to you R. W. Bro. McLellan, P. S. G. W. of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"And I also take pleasure to couple with that introduction the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Mitchell, of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"I do this, M. W. Grand Master, with very great personal pleasure, especially in the absence of our R. W. Grand Treasurer, Wiley M. Egan, whose health will not permit him to be present to perform this pleasant task as, the representative of that distinguished Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"The M. W. Grand Master :

R. W. Brethren: "It affords me great pleasure to receive you within the limits of this Grand Lodge, coming, as Bro. Cregier has said, from a foreign country—not very foreign; and I take particular pleasure because it gives me the opportunity to say that although this is a Grand Lodge of one of the United States, Masonry is not hemmed in by state lines; that the river that flows between us, broad and deep as it is, is no barrier to Masonic courtesies, to Masonic rights, or to Masonic duties.

"I welcome you, sir, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I am happy to meet you here. You will find among the brethren of this Grand Lodge a cordial welcome, and I know that between your own Grand Lodge and ours there exists a very strong sympathy, growing out of the troubles and opposition that in past years you have been called upon to meet. I am proud to say that this Grand Jurisdiction has always stood by what we deemed to be your rights, and I know that you have reciprocated that feeling.

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, allow me to introduce to you Bro. McLellan, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Bro. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and I ask you to unite with me in honoring to them the Grand Honors of Masonry."

"R. W. Bro. McLellan :

"*M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois*: I desire on behalf of myself and R. W. Bro. Mitchell, the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to thank you most heartily for the reception tendered us here to-day. This is my first visit to the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, the Grand Lodge which I have the honor to represent in my mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

"And on behalf of the twenty-one thousand Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I bring to you, Most Worshipful sir, and the brethren of the Grand Lodge, a hearty greeting. I concur with every word that you have said in reference to the dividing line; that while we live under two different flags, while you are true to the Stars and Stripes, we are equally true to the Union Jack, and I am pleased to say that we are here to-day under one flag, the banner of Masonry (applause), that knows no country, knows no creed, but wherever you find a Master Mason, there you will find the right hand of fellowship. I am pleased, indeed, and I desire to thank you from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of R. W. Bro. Mitchell and myself, for the kindly greeting extended us here, and if you or any of the members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, in your pilgrimages from time to time, should go so far away from home as to visit the city of Hamilton, you will there find Craftsmen with hearts as warm and true as we find here to-day. And although you may be then in a foreign land, you will find brethren who will extend to you the right hand of fellowship, and make you feel at home. I again thank you sincerely, and I trust the day is far distant when anything will happen to mar the happy feeling that now exists between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. (Applause.)"

"R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell :

"*M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois*: Any attempt on my part to return thanks for this kind, cordial and fraternal welcome, would only be to add to the remarks and fraternal sentiments already expressed by my R. W. Bro. McLellan, your representative near our Grand Lodge. I will, therefore, ask you to kindly consider that in that connection he has spoken for us both, and with more fitting language, perhaps, than I can command. Your cordial welcome is a source of great pleasure and satisfaction, and I will avail myself of this opportunity, M. W. Sir, to hand to you the personal greeting of the Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and of the Grand Master, Bro. John Ross Robertson, with whom I had an interview

just before leaving home; and he insisted, and as he has a hand of no mean dimensions, with a heart very much larger in proportion, extending across the river spoken of a few minutes ago, which lies between the Province of Ontario and this metropolis of the west, I accepted. He desired me to express to you his fervent hope that your deliberations at this time, as in the past, would redound to the welfare and best interests of the Craft of your jurisdiction; and that the very kind, social and fraternal intercourse which now obtains may always continue between your Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of which he has the honor to be Grand Master, and that the only emulation or difference or antagonism which may arise, will be who may best work to promote the true and genuine principles of the Order, and who can best agree. (Applause.)

"To me, M. W. Grand Master, I must consider this as somewhat of an epoch in my Masonic career, for although I have been a member and an officer of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the past quarter of a century, and during that time I have travelled somewhat extensively, both in the mother country and over this vast continent, from the Province of Canada to Texas, and from Maine to California, and, by the way, I happen to have the honor of being the representative of the Grand Lodge of California, this is the first time I have ever visited a Grand Lodge away from home.

"A week ago I had no idea whatever that I should have the honor and pleasure to be with you. But my long time tried and true friend, Bro. McLellan, asked me to accompany him on this occasion, and he would not take 'no' for an answer. And so, yesterday, I stowed away a 'biled' shirt and a swallow-tailed coat, and having put on some style, I now appear before you without a tinge of regret that I have been charmed away from home, and with a feeling of thanks that I listened to the voice of the temper. (Applause.)

"As this is my first appearance on the stage of any Grand Lodge other than our own, it is attended with the nervousness and embarrassment which usually characterize a debut, and like many other brethren, I suppose I have achieved a brilliant success—in view of my teacher. At the same time I have the pleasure and satisfaction of feeling glad that I followed him from home, and am charmed and gratified with the courtesies that have been extended to me on this occasion; and I will only add, that if I had thought it was so nice and pleasant to visit a Grand Lodge, I would have 'been there' long ago. (Applause.)"

The Grand Master presented the following from the Grand Lodge of Italy:—

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge: I have in my hands a communication from the Grand Lodge of Italy. It is in the language of their own country, and so it ought to be, and I will give you a synopsis of its contents, and wish to have it referred to the Committee on Correspondence, so that they may report by and by the exact facts in regard to this matter.

"The letter that we received from the Grand Master refers to his having written to this Grand Lodge in 1886, relative to the question of recognition by this Grand Lodge. Most of you are aware that the Grand Lodge of Italy has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge. He refers to his former letter, and sends with it a letter of introduction from our late Bro. Albert Pike, of Washington, asking the consideration of this Grand Lodge for recognition, and that their certificates or diplomas shall be respected in this jurisdiction.

"This is the substance of the communication. As it comes to me with Bro. Pike's letter of endorsement, I think it is certainly due to this brother that he should receive courteous treatment. This letter has been a year on its way before it came to my hands. It came to my hands early in the year, and I respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to refer this to the Committee on Correspondence, with instructions to report to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, so that we may act intelligently. I do not think the Grand Lodge will be ready to recognize that Grand Lodge without knowing something about its powers, rights and duties."

"On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Correspondence with leave to hold it for one year."

It was decided that signing the By-laws is not essentially necessary to complete membership, and that when the rights and privileges of membership are exercised by a newly-admitted member and acquiesced in by the lodge, such action estops either party from questioning the validity of the membership.

Three hundred pages are occupied with the Report on Correspondence, by Bro. Joseph Robbins. This extensive and elaborate review can only be appreciated by a thorough perusal, and we are at a loss how to give our brethren any idea of the important and discriminating comments which characterize its able author. He deals with all subjects in the most exhaustive manner, but our space is necessarily limited,

and we can only make room for a few extracts. We fully approve of the following on the recognition of New Grand Lodges:—

"A few years since when the instances of Canada, Quebec, West Virginia, New Mexico and Dakota brought the question home to our very doors, there was an almost unanimous consensus of opinion as to the principles which should govern. The discussion which cleared up the mental fog and brought about such a near approach to unanimity has scarcely ceased, but for the last few years it has had for many only the interest of an abstract question because not pointed by a close-at-home concrete example. This languid interest serves in a measure to account for, but in no degree to justify, the action of several Grand Lodges in adopting reports made to them on the question of recognizing some of the new Grand Lodges of Australasia, notably the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The authors of these reports, not satisfied with assigning the sufficient reason for postponing recognition that they were without definite information as to the status of the new body, have gone on to allege that the parent Grand Lodges had not consented to its formation, or to volunteer the information that the new Grand Lodge would not be recognized until it had the allegiance of *all* the lodges in the colony, or, as in one instance, that recognition waited upon the submission to the body, thus laying down the law, of what neither of the bodies named is addicted to giving—a formal notification by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland that consent had been given for the organization of a new Grand Lodge, under the style and title of the 'Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand.'

"We have recently seen the statement that when the British evacuated New York there was left upon the altar in the lodge-room in that city an instrument from the Grand Lodge of England (Athol) authorizing the New York lodges to organize an independent Grand Lodge. If there is anything in this beyond the fact—if indeed there is any historical value to the statement—that such a paper might have been left by a Provincial Grand Master, it is the only instance we have ever heard of where any 'Grand Lodge of England' has ever given its preliminary consent to the formation of an independent Grand Lodge by lodges it had chartered, and we know of no instance in which it is claimed that such consent was given by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. We run no risk in saying that no American Grand Lodge which has placed itself in this attitude towards the Grand Lodge of New Zealand can plead its own history in justification.

"Of the proposition that the question of forming a new Grand Lodge in territory Masonically unoccupied must wait the pleasure of a single lodge when perhaps a hundred other lodges are ready to organize, it is enough to say that it is simply a proposition to establish the rule of the minority and has nothing to commend it as either more just or more sensible than to insist that any one of twenty, fifty, or a hundred Masons resident in a neighborhood destitute of lodge privileges, ought to be recognized as having the right to stop by his veto the formation of a new lodge whose creation is desired by the other forty-nine. In the domain of Genuine Masonry lodges like individual Masons should meet upon the level. Minority rule, whether oligarchal or imperial, should be relegated wholly to the Holy Empire."

Canada, for 1890, receives a good notice. On one of our amendments he says;—

"Coming up pursuant to notice given the preceding year, a motion to permit lodges at their discretion to make by-laws providing that members more than one year in arrears for dues shall not vote at the annual election, was carried. Illinois Craftsmen will remember that our Grand Lodge has more than once declared all such rules are inoperative and void, the Lodge having no power to abridge the rights and franchises of its members by any other process than a regular trial and conviction for a Masonic offence."

On the principle of enforced taxation for the support of Masonic Homes, Bro. Robbins has the following remarks in his review of Missouri:—

"Bro. Vincil says we do not fancy love feasts. On the contrary, we like them. But because we enjoy them in their place, it does not follow that it is wise to invoke their methods in a Masonic deliberative body. Our brother sets forth some of the facts which followed theirs to indicate its beneficent character, and we rejoice with him in every item of promise or fulfilment of the noble purpose for which the Home is designed. That does not, however, alter our opinion of the impolicy of settling the responsibility of building, managing or supporting such institutions upon the Grand Lodge, and it *has* happened that it is in the midst of bursts of enthusiasm which becloud the judgment that Grand Lodges have become committed to enterprises and policies that entailed upon them years of vain struggle, if nothing worse. Nobody can question the beneficence of the intentions or of the objects of them, which planted Masonic colleges in half a dozen jurisdictions in this country, under the auspices of Grand Lodges, but the contagious enthusiasm with which the movement was inaugur-

ated does not seem to have been a guaranty of the wisdom of the plan adopted. The last one of them has disappeared. That any one should question the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in taking a step whose logical outcome is a demand that the necessary revenues of an eleemosynary institution shall be secured by enforced taxation, doubtless seemed ungracious to many Missouri Masons besides Bro. Vincil; but the indications are already apparent that Missouri Masons will be among the first to perceive the disinterestedness of such questioning, and the littleness of attributing it to a feeling that no good can come out of the Nazareth of a particular jurisdiction. You cannot go on teaching Masons for generations the lesson which at once approves itself to human judgment, that their charitable obligations bear a definite relation to their ability to give, and then in the name of a fraternity into whose covenants this just principle is inextricably woven, require a brother whose necessities and the wants of his wife and little ones compel him to carefully weigh every penny of his outlays, to contribute as much for charity as his more fortunate brother who cannot spend his income, without producing friction. Kentucky tried it, and though the Craftsmen of no jurisdiction are more generous—as is shown by their liberal support of their “Home” since the compulsory method was abandoned—the result was appalling.

“We have referred to the demand that the necessary revenues of such an institution shall be secured by enforced taxation, as a logical outcome of the action of a Grand Lodge in assuming the management of it. In Missouri it has come sooner than we expected, having cropped out at the very communication at which was presented this report of Bro. Vincil’s which cites the fact that no symptoms of the ‘vociferous’ have shown themselves, as evidence that we are either too conservative or too hypercritical. With this proposition for a *per capita* tax for the support of the Home, comes, as we have seen, the inevitable friction, considerable enough to secure its postponement for a year.”

From his conclusion, we take the summary of his comparison of statistics:—

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1889	1890.	1891.
Grand Lodges	55	56	56
Number of Subordinates	10,709	10,817	11,029
Raised	32,271	36,741	38,186
Affiliated	14,086	15,608	14,393
Restored	5,550	6,401	5,552
Died	8,311	8,848	8,873
Dimitted	16,830	17,161	16,709
Suspended for Non payment of Dues	13,512	13,876	12,697
Suspended and Expelled	650	650	595
Membership	629,084	648,361	670,170

Based upon the Tables we find, in the Grand Lodges in the United States, that:

In the accession by new work the average has been.....5 85-100 per cent.

The additions by affiliation and restoration represent.....3 09-100 per cent.

The losses from death are.....1 37-100 per cent.

The losses from dismissals are.....2 52-100 per cent.

The losses from non-payment of dues are1 91-100 per cent.

The net gain of the year represents 18,733, equal to.....3 02-100 per cent.

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order: New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Indiana, Iowa, Texas, etc.

The average of membership of each lodge is greatest in the following: District of Columbia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, etc.

The jurisdictions having lodges of the largest membership are in the following order: Connecticut, Colorado, Michigan, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, California, etc.

Lodges, 694; members, 43,930; increase, 1,549.

Montie C. Crawford (Jonesboro'), G.M.

Loyal L. Munn (Freeport), G.S.

INDIAN TERRITORY

17th Communication, Oklahoma, August 18th, 1891.

Leo. Edmund Bennett, G.M.

All the lodges are prosperous, cautious and enthusiastic, and working for the good of the Order. Ten new lodges were formed. Bro. Bennett has the following tribute to the excellence of the Craft :—

"Among the duties which fell to my lot as an agent of the Federal Government was that of removing from the Indian country many persons who had unlawfully entered therein. A portion of this work was in the immediate neighborhood of some of our lodges, and you can well understand my gratification at finding that not one of our brethren came within the exercise of this duty, but that all, without exception, were found to be law-abiding. Our Masonic teachings have thus not fallen in barren places, but the fruit thereof is shown by this compliance with the laws of the country.

"It speaks well for the Craft, too, that a few applications for dispensation have been made during the year; and as well that so few cases have been submitted for a decision. As heretofore, however, many questions have been asked by the brethren, though in almost every instance my answer was made by referring the brethren to the page and year of our proceedings, thereby directing a search of our records for the law. The dispensations asked for and the cases submitted for decision were purely of local interest or had heretofore been ruled upon, and are, therefore, in my opinion, not of sufficient importance to the Craft at large to justify detailing here. I do not know of a single desire to appeal from any of these decisions or rulings."

We also copy his remarks on the work :—

"In this connection I wish to say that the 'Webb-Preston' hobby I inconsiderately introduced to you last session, and which we rode for the occasion, is, in my judgment, much of a myth. I have sought for it in several places during the past year, but each time I had it located, as I thought, it failed to materialize. There may have been a 'pure Webb-Preston work' many years ago, but I cannot believe that there is now. Modifications and changes are constantly being made so that those jurisdictions claiming to have 'pure Webb-Preston' ritualistic exercises have drifted far from the original, or from each other. The labors of the Grand Lecturer of Arkansas, at the school of instruction at Muskogee, were well received by those brethren who were fortunate enough to attend. True, we all found a few features which seemed not to be appropriate or to the point, but, upon the whole, the work was impressive and beautiful, and consistent with the teachings of our fraternity. I can personally attest the beneficial results from the instructions thus received, and if you will call upon the brethren who received the word for exemplification, I believe that you too will feel that we have made considerable progress during the year toward perfecting a ritual. Three-fourths of our lodges are already fairly proficient in the work we have labored with for some years. This work should be perfected by a cautious, conservative committee, and by them exemplified for the adoption or revision of this Grand Lodge. We should then select as Grand Lecturer some brother who will give his time to the duties of the office, pay him as well as we can afford for his service, and require him to carry out the obligations thus assumed by him."

A special committee of five was appointed to revise the work.

Masters must hereafter read the Grand Lodge proceedings in open lodge, and certify such reading to the Grand Secretary, within three months after their receipt.

A resident of the territory, who was made a Mason while on a visit to Scotland, was declared to be an irregularly made and clandestine Mason, and all lodges were warned not to recognize him.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and reviews our proceedings for 1890.

Lodges, 48; members, 1,570; increase, 159.

Leo. Edmond Bennett (Muscogee), G. M.

Joseph Samuel Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

INDIANA.

74th Communication, May 26th, 1891.

Jacob J. Todd, G. M.

The Grand Master reports his suspension of a Master who, in a testimonial to the memory of a deceased brother, had inserted a reference to partisan politics. Four new lodges were organized. On the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master says :—

"I am pleased to state that the condition of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is prosperous and vigorous. Peace, harmony and good will prevail.

"The report of our Grand Secretary will show an excellent condition of our finances. Our membership has been increased eight hundred and eighty-six (886) over last year. It is also pleasing to note that our lodges are looking carefully to the quality of the material, rather than to the quantity. The result is a growing interest, not only in the ritualistic work, but in the history and literature of the Craft.

"Masonic books and journals are being sought after and read. Individually, we are inquiring after knowledge, and we are becoming familiar with the spirit and thought of the Masonic world. We thus become better fitted for the important work that lies before us. It may not be inappropriate to add that a man can not be a well informed and an intelligent Mason, unless he is a reader of current Masonic literature."

A proposition to reduce the minimum initiation fee from twenty dollars to fifteen dollars was rejected.

A proposition for a reprint of the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge was indefinitely postponed on account of the great expense, and the small encouragement received.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized, but recognition of New Zealand was withheld for the following reasons, which, in our opinion, are not sufficient. If they wait until the Parent Grand Lodges give their consent, they may wait for ever and a day. These Parent Grand Lodges, in a matter of that kind, are the greatest procrastinators that the world has ever seen:—

"We find that, of the one hundred and forty-eight lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of New Zealand, fifty-eight withhold their allegiance and consent; nor has the movement for forming an Independent Grand Lodge been concurred in by the parent Grand Lodges. We therefore respectfully recommend that the official and fraternal recognition of this Grand Body be withheld until such time as the constituent lodges of the jurisdiction of New Zealand may show greater unanimity in their allegiance, and become more harmonious in their concurrence."

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. William Commons. Canada does not appear.

Lodges, 471; members, 24,776; increase, 886.

Nicholas R. Ruckle (Indianapolis), G.M.

William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), G.S.

IOWA.

48th Communication, Cedar Rapids, June 2nd, 1891.

James Dekalb Gamble, G.M.

From the opening paragraphs of his address, we make the following extract:—

"Masonically our constituent lodges in the various portions of our jurisdiction have been casting the rays of light athwart heretofore darkened visions, and many of our fellows have been added to the household of faith, and thus the grand work of making men wiser, if not better, has been carried forward without interruption, and with a careful regard for the best interests and welfare of our beloved institution. It is indeed very gratifying to know that we are in a condition of prosperity, and that our ranks are being augmented by the addition of worthy and upright men from every vocation of life, and that Masonry, with its great aim and object and the influence for good it is daily exerting wherever its banner is unfurled through the love and attachment of its votaries, is keeping step with the advancement of our age. And I congratulate you, my brethren, and through you to the large body of the craft, on the fact that as the veils of ignorance and prejudice are removed Masonry correspondingly advances and becomes known and respected for its true worth and merit. And conscious as we are of the rectitude of our institution, and the purity of our principles, and the stability of the corner-stone on which they rest, we may, in the face of enlightened intelligence, fearlessly and confidently challenge the most adverse criticism and investigation."

He issued dispensations for eight new lodges.

The visiting custodian reports that 343 sessions, averaging fully three hours each, have been held in 123 places in 71 counties of the State.

The Librarian's Report is embellished by beautiful photographs of the interior of the library, which is now the most famous Masonic library in the world, being replete with choice collections of art and

Masonic treasures, rare and curious volumes, and full sets of proceedings and State documents.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"This Grand Lodge fully endorses the noble sentiments of brotherly love and charity expressed by the Grand Master, but it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge that a Masonic Home is not necessary in this jurisdiction at the present time, and that Masonic charity can be more satisfactorily, economically, and equitably dispensed by the constituent lodges, as now done."

Thirteen Masons were expelled for refusing to renounce their connection with the "Cerneau" Scottish Rite.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives a most kindly notice. Bro. Parvin's discussions are mainly confined to the "Cerneau" question.

Lodges, 444 ; members, 22,525 ; increase, 62.

Ralph G. Phelps (Atlantic), G.M.

Theodore S. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G.S.

KANSAS.

36th Communication, Leavenworth, February 17th, 1892.

Andrew M. Callahan, G.M.

He mentions the death of their venerable and greatly-beloved brother, Christian Beck, who had been their faithful Grand Treasurer for thirty-four years. A State school of instruction was held at Newton, and was a gratifying success. The Grand Master opened four new lodges. On the subject of special dispensations, he says :—

"This evil has grown to an alarming magnitude. If some measure is not adopted to restrict it, the time approaches when petitions will be received and acted upon and degrees conferred without regard to time. Within the first ninety days after assuming the duties of Grand Master, I was asked for *one hundred and ten* special dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular time prescribed by our law! A large proportion of these were to confer the second and third degrees. Their reasons for asking for special dispensations were based upon the same ground, namely: the candidate was about to leave their jurisdiction, etc.

"It is true I have issued a great many special dispensations to confer degrees out of time. But, to partially atone for it, I have refused—with the exception of three times—to permit more than one degree to be conferred upon the same candidate on the same evening, nor until he was proficient in the lectures of the preceding degree. I have required that he should be examined in open lodge and declared proficient by the lodge before being advanced to a higher degree. I have invariably refused to permit a lodge to ballot upon a petition in less than the regular time prescribed by the law.

"With a view of checking this growing evil, and saving my successors much labor, I earnestly recommend that the Committee on Jurisprudence be directed to formulate and submit at this Communication of the Grand Lodge a regulation that shall impose a fee upon lodges requesting permission to confer degrees out of time, of such magnitude as will deter them from hastily making such requests.

"I have issued special dispensations to install officers out of regular time, and in a few instances to elect and install out of the regular time prescribed by our law.

"I have refused a great many applications for special dispensations for good and sufficient reasons."

A committee was appointed to formulate plans for a Masonic Home, and the following resolution was passed :—

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to include in the notices to the subordinate lodges in regard to the amendment to the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge, to include a copy of the Grand Master's suggestions in regard to a Masonic Home, and also a full copy of the report of the Special Committee, and to state that the vote to adopt was unanimous, and that every lodge should act promptly and report result to the Grand Secretary."

A motion was offered, fixing a fee of five dollars for every dispensation to confer degrees out of time, but it was rejected. Our fee in Canada for such a dispensation is twenty dollars, and so they are not applied for very often.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. On the Past Master's degree, he has the following remarks ;

"Originally there was no such degree, but a little instruction to the Fellow Craft which had for the year been elected Master of a lodge. Subsequently it was raised to the dignity of a degree, which has been cultivated in some jurisdictions, but, like a sickly plant, has been cast out as rubbish in others. The inconsistency and absurdity of the performance is manifest when it is observed that the degree is conferred on a brother before he has become, by lapse of time and service, a Past Master, and still more so when, in anticipation of an official vacancy, it is conferred on the three first officers of a lodge, the only ones eligible to the so called degree. It is not recognized in the Grand Lodge of Kansas, only the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, to wit : those of M. M. S., F. C. S. and E. A. S. We are glad to learn that the thing 'has been thrown out bodily' in Colorado, and hope it will stay out for all time, as we trust it will in Kansas."

Canada, for 1891, receives a good notice.

Lodges, 344 ; members, 18,426 ; increase, 337.

David B. Fuller (Eureka), G.M.

John H. Brown (Kansas City), G.S.

KENTUCKY.

92nd Communication, Louisville, October 7th, 1891.

Charles Henry Fisk, G.M.

He mentions the death of P.G.M. Hiram Bassett, who was one of the most prominent Masons in the Republic. He had presided over all the Grand Masonic bodies in the State, and will long be remembered as an able Masonic ritualist, writer and jurist.

Bro. Fisk suspended from office a Master who conferred the third degree on a candidate, despite the open objection of a member of the lodge. He formed thirteen new lodges. He refused all applications to confer degrees out of time. He reports those of his decisions which he deems "of sufficient importance to specially lay before the Grand Lodge." They only number fifty-five, and occupy sixteen pages of his address. That makes us wonder how many there were not reported. He conducted the memorable services at the unveiling of the beautiful monument erected by the Craft of the United States to the memory of Rob Morris. On their Masonic Home, he says :—

"This Home stands as one of the grandest evidences of Christian civilization in the latter half of the nineteenth century. In none other than a Christian land can such an institution be found. In none other than a Christian community could such a project, as the erection of a home for widows and orphans, have been conceived and carried into execution. Only Masons imbued with love, the true and only charity, can maintain and sustain this noble work in all its fulness and perfection. Such Masons, I believe, now compose, as at all times heretofore, the Board of Directors of our Home."

The following resolution was adopted :—

"That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to portraits of Past Grand Masters be approved, and that it is hereby made the duty of each successive Grand Master, as soon after his installation as practicable, to furnish the Grand Secretary with his portrait, to be kept among the archives of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to procure the portraits of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, and have the same, and the Grand Masters' portraits, suitably framed."

The Fraternal Congress at Chicago was endorsed by the adoption of the following resolutions :—

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. and A. M., is in favor of joining with other Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and other nations, in holding a Fraternal Congress in the city of Chicago, Ill., at some time during the continuance of the World's Fair.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that said Fraternal Congress should not be held with a view to the formation of a General Grand Body, but for the interchange of fraternal sentiments, conserving the general interests of Masonry throughout the world, and especially looking to a greater uniformity in the modes of recognition, and the fundamental features which characterize our system the world over.

"Resolved, That in order to carry out the foregoing resolutions, the present Grand Master appoint five delegates, who shall act in co-operation with other jurisdictions desirous of joining in the proposition, and if said congress shall be held, said delegates shall represent this Grand Lodge in the same.

"Resolved, That the present Grand Master be *ex officio* chairman of said delegates."

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Bro. J. E. Ray deserves credit for a capital idea in proposing a plan whereby the children in the Masonic Home may have a summer outing, and the lodges may feel their personal interest in them. The individual cost will be small, and the satisfaction great in the consciousness of happiness conferred. Bro. Ray's proposal was adopted as under :

"WHEREAS, The foundation stone of Masonry is Brotherly Love and Charity, and whereas, the Masons of Kentucky are the pioneers in its Home for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Masons, and there being a necessity for the saving, in every particular, the income of our Home, and giving the children a summer recreation—therefore, be it

"Resolved, That it be requested of the management of the Home to permit the different lodges of the State to take under their charge whatsoever number of the children each lodge can take good care of during the vacation months, lodges applying for the children to pay all expenses of transportation, board and clothing for the term."

Bro. James W. Staton again reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1891, receives an excellent notice. He says that the address of our Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, is one of great merit, and worthy of the closest attention. We quote one paragraph :—

"On the subject of special communications for the purpose of laying corner-stones to public buildings, we especially like the tone of his remarks. Masonry does not seek such occasions, but, when we are sought out for such purposes, we should insist on being treated civilly in every respect. The truth is, there should be some discrimination in what invitations we should accept, and what should be permitted to pass by. Sometimes these things are like 'casting pearls before swine.'"

The reports of our District Deputies are the most complete he has seen anywhere. He does not like the small type in our Report ; it is bad for the eyes.

Lodges (number not given, probably about 452) ; members, 16,465 ; increase, 429.

James A. McKenzie (Oak Grove), G.M.

Henry B. Grant (Louisville), G.S.

LOUISIANA,

80th Communication, New Orleans, February 8th, 1892.

Charles F. Buck, G.M.

The lodges have done much work, and gained largely in members, though the total aggregate does not seem to be materially increased. Death has made terrible inroads in their ranks, and almost off-set their gains. Six new lodges were formed.

Their new temple is nearly completed. The cost will be over \$117,000.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows again presents the Report on Correspondence. Our proceedings for 1891 were received. On Masonic Homes, Bro. Fellows says :—

"The result of the whole seems to be, that in large jurisdictions like New York, *after a large fund has been accumulated*, a Home may be established. In Pennsylvania, investments are made, and the interest distributed. In Illinois, contributions are made, but the Homes or Asylums are private affairs ; such is the present state in Michigan.

"In smaller and weaker jurisdictions, such as Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, the expense of keeping up Homes and Asylums have been a weight upon the fraternity which they could not bear, and have had a very depressing effect upon the prosperity of the Order. They have necessitated the levying of assessments, the increase of annual dues, and of fees, and invariably led to a decrease of membership, and to the

want of a healthful increase. Attempts, in past years, to establish Masonic colleges or schools have had a like result, and have ended in their total abandonment.

"The tendency of this movement—the establishments of Masonic Homes, has been to cause the individual Mason to forget the first principles of the Order, the first teachings of the E. A. degree, that brotherly love, relief, charity, was individual, each one to contribute, as the occasion might require, and his means would permit, and of which he was to be the sole judge. The principle of relief is increased in the heart of each, the more it is brought into exercise. The more we do, the more we feel inclined to do. But on this we wrote in the beginning, under this head.

"Again, many have doubted the efficiency of these large establishments. So far as the results with us thus far show they are very expensive, cost much more than the good they do. In a territorial jurisdiction like ours, say 4,000 Masons scattered over the whole state, the needy, were there ample means, could not be collected, at least conveniently, in one place, and when they were, it is not the Home we would choose. We should not seek to congregate the needy of the state in one place; though called a Masonic Home, it is not a home in the true sense of the word. It is a poorhouse, where all or many of the poor and needy are collected together. One-fourth the cost of each individual, in such a Home, would establish a widowed mother and her orphan children in a little (real) home of their own, and keep them there with all the sanctities of home about them. The writer has often and always felt that our orphan asylums, though of great good, are necessary evils. Better, could it be that the orphan children could be, one, two or three, in families, where they could feel and be at home.

"But in any event, means are necessary to carry out any project. Until Masons are re-educated to make it their personal and individual interest to look after the welfare of 'their neighbor,' organized charity is necessary, though guarded it should be, so that the spirit of charity shall not fail in the Mason's heart."

Lodges, 118; members, 1,590; increase, 134.

Charles F. Buck (New Orleans), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

72nd Communication, Portland, May 5th, 1891.

Albro E. Chase, G. M.

He reports four public installations, and believes that these ceremonies are an efficient means to make known the principles of Masonry. He formed one new lodge. One of his decisions is *extra good* :—

"We have a few men in one section of our town who wish to become Masons; they wish to take the degrees in ——— Lodge. We said to ——— Lodge that we would waive jurisdiction in their favor if they would remit one half of fees to our lodge. A few of these men might come to our lodge, but more wish to go to ——— Lodge, as the distance is not so great. Have we the right to do as we offered?"

"Answer. No. This decision is reported not for the novelty of the question, but because it has been found that the members of some lodges, acquainted with the workings of other organizations, are of the opinion that a Masonic lodge can, so far as regards any act touching upon its financial condition, do about as it pleases. There was at one time a certain Simon who attempted to obtain of the apostles the power of giving the Holy Ghost upon whomsoever he might lay his hands, and his rebuff was no greater than that which ought to be given to those who would barter Masonry: 'Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.'"

Bro. Chase suggests that there may be danger in making Masonry popular, but the thought does not seem to have occurred to him that in holding public installations, he was doing *his* best, at all events, to popularize the institution. We do not believe in *advertising* Masonry in any shape.

The Report on Correspondence appears in the body of the proceedings, and is not relegated to an appendix among the tombstones and desiccated tables. In his introductory remarks, Bro. Josiah H. Drummond has the following :—

"While the old questions which have returned again and again for discussion are perhaps no nearer a conclusion, in which all will agree, than heretofore, quite a number of new questions, that have arisen within a comparatively short time, seem to be nearing a settlement. One of the most important is that in relation to Masonic Homes, and we desire to call the attention of the Craft in Maine especially to our re-

marks in this report touching that subject. The time was when any Grand Lodge would have deemed it highly desirable to have such an institution if it could raise the means for providing it, but experience has called attention to the fact that the number of beneficiaries in a jurisdiction may be so small as to make it unwise to establish one. Then also the point has been raised, that in very many cases, it is better for all concerned, to *aid in the support* of the needy than to furnish them a *full support*. The Home almost necessarily implies that the beneficiaries shall receive therein their full support.

"In determining the question, therefore, various elements enter into consideration, and it is now true that in almost all jurisdictions, a careful investigation as to the number who will need such an institution, and the comparative expense of their support there or in other places, is influencing the decision. Relief of the distressed is one of our first duties, and this question, and all questions relating to it, should receive the careful consideration of the Craft. We therefore hope that the views of the committee will not be deemed correct, as a matter of course, but that the subject will be studied by the Craft, with the view of establishing and maintaining the best system that can be devised.

"We also earnestly commend to the special attention of our District Deputy Grand Masters, our account of the operation of the system as administered by the Grand Lodge of Canada."

Bro. Drummond might also have suggested that it is far "better to aid in the support of the needy" *many*, rather than "furnish a full support" to the *few*.

In his review of Canada for 1890, Bro. Drummond thus speaks of our district supervision:—

"*Ninety-two* pages following the address of the Grand Master are devoted to the reports of the District Deputies; they are emphatically *reports*, giving facts and opinions, and dealing very little with dissertations or personal matters. It may be thought that a large amount of space is given to these reports, but when it is remembered that a brief account of the condition of almost every lodge in the jurisdiction is given, 'with facts and figures,' it must be admitted that the expense is wisely incurred. The Grand Lodge had before it an apparently faithful and correct statement of the condition of its lodges. One Deputy, in his table showing the work, adds columns in which he gives the number of regular meetings held; the number of specials, average attendance of members, amount paid for relief, number of members over twelve months in arrears, totals of arrearages, date to which Grand Lodge returns have been made, state of lodge financially, prospects of lodge, whether the Master can confer all the degrees, and the amount of insurance. We believe that a system of lodge visitation is absolutely necessary, and that the District Deputy system is the best yet devised; and we are beginning to think that our Canadian brethren are working it in a manner not surpassed, if equalled, in any other jurisdiction. * * *

"To show how fully the duty of visitation was performed by the Deputies, the committee say that in *fifteen* of the *seventeen* districts *every lodge* was visited once, and several of them two or three times, and so many of the lodges in the other two were visited, that only *twelve* lodges out of *three hundred and fifty-four* were omitted.

"These reports enable the committee to give an exceedingly clear statement of the condition of the Craft, to make the necessary suggestions for the aid of weak lodges, and, in a word, to advise the Grand Lodge intelligently as to what action the good of the Craft requires to be taken. Their report shows that the success of the system depends very largely upon the Deputies."

The extraordinary views of Bro. Wait, of New Hampshire, on the subject of the effect of edicts of non-intercourse are thus effectually disposed of:—

"He does not believe in Grand Lodge edicts of non-intercourse; we had assumed, as a matter of course, that he was opposed to it as a matter of Masonic policy; but we are surprised to find that he denies that Grand Lodges have the power to prohibit Masonic intercourse between the members of their respective obediences. We hold that Grand Lodges are *Masonic nations*; that as to other Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge is the mouthpiece of *all the Craft* in its jurisdiction, and that what *it* orders, they order; and what *it* does *they* do; what is done to *it*, is done to them; any other doctrine destroys the power of a Grand Lodge to protect itself. We should just as soon think of holding that civil nations have no power to involve their people in war, as that Grand Lodges cannot in such cases bind the Masons under its jurisdiction. Suspension of Masonic intercourse among Grand Lodges is the same as war between nations. The fact that a Mason from each of the warring jurisdictions might meet in a lodge in a third jurisdiction, and one of them has to withdraw, has no tendency to carry its effects into other jurisdictions, in such manner as to involve any others than those hailing from those contesting.

"If Bro. Waite's position is correct, it takes from Grand Lodges the power to determine for the members of its obedience, whether a body claiming to be a Grand Lodge shall be recognized or not, and vests it in the individual Mason. The suspension of Masonic intercourse by the sovereign power no more interferes with the principle that 'the right to recognition of a Mason can only be lost by conviction of Masonic crime upon due trial,' than killing a man in battle interferes with the other principle that a man shall not be deprived of his life except by due course of law and as a punishment for crime."

In his notice of South Carolina, he has the following remarks on the desirability of continuing Past Grand Masters in the Grand Lodge:—

"An amendment to the constitution was proposed, giving them (*i.e.* Past Grand Masters) a vote and the same pay as representatives. In these later days, taking the idea from other organizations, many conceive that a Grand Lodge ought to be a representative body solely, charged with the duty of enacting such laws as their constituents demand. This is an utterly erroneous and partial view. The Grand Lodge has judicial functions to perform of even more importance than legislation; this duty requires the aid of the most experienced, able and Masonically-educated members of the Craft; a body that is merely a good *legislative* body is generally a very poor *judicial* tribunal; the number and character of decisions given by the Grand Master in the recess shows that as a rule the Masters and Wardens are not Masonic jurists, and do not claim to be; they are learning; hence the necessity of an element in the Grand Lodge, who know what the law is and are qualified to instruct others. We have given much labor to an investigation of this matter, and we are abundantly satisfied that our system of combining a large representative element with a comparatively small permanent membership is the best of all which are in use, for an institution like ours; we, therefore, hope that our South Carolina brethren will adopt the proposed amendment."

The Committee on the Condition of the Fraternity reported as under:—

"We find that no returns have been made by District Deputy Grand Masters from two districts. Returns from all the other districts are properly submitted.

"A careful review of the reports of the District Deputies received shows the condition of the several lodges generally good and fairly prosperous.

"There has been a healthy increase in numbers, and a marked improvement in the work, and also in the collection of dues.

"Your committee desire to urge upon the District Deputies the importance of making at least one annual visit to each lodge within their respective districts, and of making prompt return thereof to the Grand Master, as required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"We would carefully commend to their consideration the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, especially so much thereof as relates to District Deputy Grand Masters.

"We further recommend the continuance of conventions for instruction, with a view to a uniformity of work throughout the state."

Further information was required before recognizing New Zealand and Tasmania.

Lodges, 192; members, 20,968; increase, 288.

Henry R. Taylor (Machias), G.M.

Ira Berry (Portland), G.S.

Bro. Berry died on the 20th September, 1891, aged 90 years. We extend our sympathy to the brethren. The memory of Bro. Berry will be long cherished for his devotion to the fraternity, his geniality and simplicity of soul, and his many kindly acts during such a long and well-spent life.

The Grand Master has appointed as acting Grand Secretary, Bro. Stephen Berry, who has been Assistant Grand Secretary for several years past. (Address, Portland.)

MANITOBA.

16th Communication, Winnipeg, June 10th, 1891.

James Alexander Ovas, G.M.

He visited a number of the lodges, and makes the following suggestion towards securing uniformity in the work:—

"In connection with my official visits, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of degree work on nearly every occasion, and am pleased to report

that as a rule the ceremony was performed with due solemnity and grandeur, and the ritual given with grace, dignity and feeling. At the same time I must admit of certain differences in the work by the several lodges, and would suggest as a slight remedy for the present, and until we are in a position to sustain a Grand Lecturer, the exemplifying of the degrees in Grand Lodge by a sufficient number of well skilled officers. A few hours spent in this way would, I am sure, not only be a great benefit to all present, but would place the District Deputy Grand Masters in a position to more easily correct any error noticed during their official visits."

The condition of the lodges compares very favorably with their standing in former years. Harmony prevails, evidenced by the fact that the Grand Master was not called upon to decide any question of complaint or dispute. Five new lodges were formed at Whitewood (Ass'a), Glenboro', McGregor, Killarney, and Treherne.

In the report of the Grand Librarian, W. G. Scott, we find the following:—

"I am pleased to report a further increased attendance at the Reading Room. This valuable adjunct to the Library has proved to be of the utmost advantage to the members of the Craft, and does much towards imbuing visitors with an increased appreciation of the methods of this comparatively new jurisdiction.

"The generosity with which the city lodges and individual brethren have responded to the call of your librarian for financial support is gratifying evidence of the popularity of the Reading Room. The Craft is under special obligations to Bro. Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., for his kindness in delivering his celebrated lecture, 'The British House of Commons,' in aid of the Library and Reading Room. The net proceeds aggregated \$229.65. I would recommend that Bro. Davin's kindness in this matter be acknowledged by appropriate resolution."

It was rightly decided that no member should be called upon to give his reasons for objecting to the admission of a visiting brother.

The Committee on the State of Masonry have the following remarks on the reports of the District Deputies:—

"In the opinion of your committee the object of such reports should be to set forth clearly, for the information of Grand Lodge, the condition of Masonry in each district. This can only be arrived at without a statement of the increase or decrease in membership, the character of the attendance, the skill of the officers, the financial condition of the lodges, and the amounts expended for charity. If to this is added a statement of the steps taken to bring in non-affiliates, to institute lodges in unoccupied districts, to cultivate the social virtues, and to educate the brethren through lodges of instruction, addresses by well-skilled Masters, and distribution of Masonic literature, your committee would have sufficient data from which to estimate the general progress of the Craft."

The recognition of the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred for further information.

The whole of the Grand Lodge appropriation to the library (\$150) must be devoted to the purchase of works of a Masonic character.

A member was expelled for embezzlement of the funds of the municipality of Birtle.

Lodges, 45; members, 1,878: increase, 121.

William G. Bell (Winnipeg), G.M.

William G. Scott (Winnipeg), G.S.

MARYLAND.

An emergent Communication was held in the old United States Court House, in Baltimore, on January 1st, 1891, one week after the destruction by fire of their Masonic Temple. One of their greatest losses was that of the portraits of their Past Grand Masters, who had served the Grand Lodge for the last hundred years. The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to replace the portraits of our Past Grand Masters destroyed by the fire.

"Resolved, That the Grand Master provide suitable medals for the brethren who served the Grand Lodge so signally during the destruction of our temple. * * *

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Masonic Fraternity of Maryland are due to the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Thomas J. Shryock, for the energy and wisdom displayed in securing for the Craft the use of the United States Court House, and having it fitted up and furnished six days after the destruction of the Masonic Temple.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of Maryland be and are hereby tendered to the Hon. William Windom, Secretary of the Treasury, who, after the destruction of our Temple, so promptly responded to the appeal of our Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock, and gave permission to use the old United States Court House for our meetings."

Semi-annual, May 13th, 1891.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

His opening paragraph refers to the sad calamity by which they were deprived of their meeting-place:—

"The Semi-Annual Communication of 1891 finds us in a strange home, which we little anticipated when the November Communication of 1890 was closed. The destruction of our Temple on Christmas day was a misfortune that cast a shade of gloom over every Mason's countenance. It came most untimely, when all were joyously celebrating the great Christmas festival. Earnest and ardent members of our beloved Order left their cheerful firesides, when they heard the alarm, and their hearts grew more and more pained as they approached the scene, to behold their Temple wrapped in flames. Many, early on the spot, rushed heroically to the rescue of valued archives, precious documents, costly furniture and equipments, and showed the stuff of which heroes are made. These deserve the thanks and appreciation of all the brethren. Those who arrived too late to be of service, and the multitude to whom the news came afterwards, were plunged in grief, and felt that a great calamity had fallen. Those were sad days to follow the joyous Christmastide, made more mournful by the sudden transition from domestic festivity to personal grief. Each felt himself bereaved, as well as subjected to material loss in the destruction of property, in which he owned an intrinsic, as well as a sentimental interest. That sense of deep bereavement was general throughout the fraternity."

They have determined to reconstruct the Temple, and to confine its use to Masonic purposes only. The Grand Master had medals prepared to be presented to eleven brethren who worked so laboriously at the fire, and for some ten days afterwards.

The net result of the Grand Masonic Fair, for which they are mostly indebted to their lady friends, was the handsome sum of \$62,000, which is held to aid in rebuilding the Temple.

The reports indicate an unusual amount of work in the lodges, and there is more enthusiasm than has been apparent for many years past. The lodges in Baltimore are not working in as creditable a manner as formerly.

Bro. E. T. Schultz again reports on Correspondence, and he gives Canada, for 1890, a good notice. He thinks that candidates should be allowed to affirm when taking the obligations.

105th Communication, Baltimore, November 17th, 1891.

Thomas J. Shryock, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the Lodges in Baltimore, and a large number of the county lodges. The work is good, and a fine spirit prevails. A school of instruction is held in Baltimore every Thursday night, and is meeting with the most gratifying success, the average attendance being larger than at any other Masonic meetings. Three new lodges were formed.

The following interesting report was presented:—

"The committee appointed to consider the matter of Incorporated Lodges and what action, if any, should the Grand Lodge take in reference to the title to land occupied and owned, or to be occupied by Subordinate Lodges respectfully report:

"That the matter has received the careful consideration of the committee. Different views were presented and discussed. There seemed to be objections to most of the plans which have been submitted to the committee.

"It is deemed advisable that the fraternity in the various neighborhoods where it is proposed to erect halls or places of meeting for the Subordinate Lodges, be left as free

from the dictation or control of the Grand Lodge as possible, in order that the local membership may feel the entire responsibility of their undertakings and have a corresponding pride in the successful completion of them.

"The committee is not prepared to recommend even that on the demise of a lodge, that the Grand Lodge should take charge of the realty of the lodge. Many of the efforts to erect Masonic lodges, halls, etc., result disastrously, and debts incurred which it is not advisable should be assumed by the Grand Lodge, or which the Grand Lodge, by any action it might take, might make itself legally responsible.

"Neither is it deemed advisable that the Grand Lodge act as trustee to hold the legal title to lands for Subordinate Lodges.

"To own and occupy a home is commendable in lodges and individuals. To attempt to do so without sufficient means, often results disastrously. We have in Maryland a number of instances in which this laudable desire has, so far from proving advantageous to the lodges so attempting to erect halls of their own, damaged the lodges, and oftentimes the individual membership, who, in the enthusiasm of the early days of their enterprises, rendered themselves personally liable for the undertaking. The committee would recommend that in the future no building for Masonic purposes be undertaken, unless the financial questions relating thereto be well studied and success be reasonably well assumed."

Lodges, 88; members, 5,868; increase, 103.

Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.

Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G.S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the Quarterly Communication, held at Boston on March 11th, 1891, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, read a very interesting historical paper on the first glimmerings of Masonry in North America, from which we make the following extract:—

"The earliest trace of the existence of Masons or Masonry on this continent, so far as we are now aware, is afforded by a letter now in the possession of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, written by Dr. Chas. T. Jackson, of Boston, the celebrated chemist and geologist. It is in the following words:—

"JUNE 2nd, 1856.

"DEAR SIR:—When Francis Alger and myself made a mineralogical survey of Nova Scotia in 1827, we discovered, upon the shore of Goat Island, in Annapolis Basin, a gravestone, partly covered with sand and lying on the shore. It bore the Masonic emblems, square and compass, and had the figures 1606 cut in it. The rock was a flat slab of trap rock, common in the vicinity.

"At the ferry from Annapolis to Granville we saw a large, rounded rock with this inscription: 'LA BELLE, 1649.'

"The inscriptions were undoubtedly intended to commemorate the place of burial of French soldiers who came to Nova Scotia, 'Annapolis Royal l'Acadie' in 1603.

"Coins, buttons and other articles, originally belonging to these early French settlers, are found in the soil of Goat Island in Annapolis Basin.

"The slab bearing date 1606 I had brought over by the ferryman to Annapolis, and ordered it to be packed up in a box, to be sent to the Old Colony Pilgrim Society (of Plymouth, Mass.); but Judge Haliburton, then Thomas Haliburton, Esq., prevailed on me to abandon it to him, and he now has it carefully preserved. On a late visit to Nova Scotia, I found that the Judge had forgotten how he came by it, and so I told him all about it.

"I do not remember about the Pemaquid Point inscription, but will look over my Reports on Government Survey of Maine, to see if I noted any there. I remember to have noticed several I thought modern among the islands on that coast—Vinal Haven, I think.

"Yours truly,

"C. T. JACKSON."

[Addressed]

J. W. THORNTON,
Present.

"The letter is accompanied by a photograph of the stone, showing the square and compasses and the figures 1606, rudely cut and much worn by time and weather, but still quite distinct.

"Thomas C. Haliburton, better known to Americans as 'Sam Slick,' was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia, in 1793. He became Chief Justice of Common Pleas in 1829, and Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in 1841. In 1842 he removed to England, became a member of Parliament, and died in office in 1865.

"In 1829 he published a volume entitled 'Historical and Statistical Account of Nova Scotia.' In Volume II. of that work, pp. 155-157, he gives the following account of the stones described by Dr. Jackson:—

"About six miles below the ferry is situated Goat Island, which separates the Annapolis Basin from that of Digby, and forms two entrances to the former. The western channel, though narrow, is deep, and generally preferred to others. A small peninsula, extending from the Granville shore, forms one of its sides. On this point of land the first piece of ground was cleared for cultivation in Nova Scotia by the French. They were induced to make this selection on account of the beauty of its situation, the good anchorage opposite to it, the command which it gave them of the channel, and the facility it afforded of giving the earliest notice to the garrison at Port Royal of the entrance of an enemy into the Lower Basin. In the year 1527 the stone was discovered upon which they had engraved the date of their first cultivation of the soil, in memorial of their formal possession of the country. It is about two feet and a half long, and two feet broad, and of the same kind as that which forms the substratum of Grenville Mountain. On the upper part are engraved the square and compass of the Free Mason, and in the centre, in large and deep Arabic figures, the date 1606. It does not appear to have been dressed by a mason, but the inscription has been cut on its natural surface. The stone itself has yielded to the power of the climate, and both the external front and the interior parts of the letters have alike suffered from exposure to the weather; the seams on the back part of it have opened, and, from their capacity to hold water, and the operation of frost upon it when thus confined, it is probable in a few years it would have crumbled to pieces. The date is distinctly visible, and although the figure 0 is worn down to one-half of its original depth, and the upper part of the latter 6 nearly as much, yet no part of them is obliterated—they are plainly discernible to the eye and easily traced by the finger. At a subsequent period, when the country was conquered by the English, some Scotch emigrants were sent out by Sir William Alexander, who erected a fort on the site of the French corn-fields, previous to the Treaty of St. Germain's. The remains of this fort may be traced with great ease; the old parade, the embankment and ditch, have not been disturbed, and preserve their original form. It was occupied by the French for many years after the peace of 1632, and near the eastern parapet a large stone has been found, with the following monumental inscription:—

LEBEL,
1643.

"It will be observed that Dr. Jackson assumes the stone bearing the square and compasses and the date 1606 to have been 'a gravestone'; but Judge Haliburton describes it as the stone upon which the French 'had engraved the date of their first cultivation of the soil, in memorial of their formal possession of the country.' Dr. Jackson, however, described the stone from recollection only, nearly thirty years after he found it; while Judge Haliburton's account was written on the spot, at the very time of the discovery, and by one who had made a study of the locality and of the history of the inhabitants.

"Certain it is that the stone bears a date very near the earliest named by any authority for the settlement of that region, so celebrated by historians and poets."

The Grand Secretary has commenced the preparation of a complete register of the members of the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction. The plan adopted is that known as the "Card Catalogue," now so generally used in public libraries. This plan was found to be the only feasible one to secure the keeping of the record strictly alphabetically, and at the same time to admit of the introduction of new names.

In September, a special committee made a strong report in favor of increasing the minimum initiation fee in city lodges, from \$25 to \$50, and in country or town lodges, from \$25 to \$30, pointing out that the \$25 fee was established many years ago, when it cost much less to support the lodges, and the value of money was much greater, and that the tendency of low prices was to reduce the quality, but after some discussion, a motion to indefinitely postpone was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote.

At the quarterly, held on December 9th, 1891, the Grand Master, Samuel Wells, delivered his annual address. The lodges are generally in good condition and prosperous. Many of them show marked improvement in the work, in consequence of the benefits they have received from the instruction of the Grand Lecturer. One new lodge was formed.

The Grand Lecturer attended ten exemplifications, and made eighty-nine visits to lodges.

The sum of \$10,000 was appropriated out of the surplus receipts of the past year, to "the Masonic Education and Charity Trust," and \$500 was given to the Committee on Charity.

The 158th Annual Communication was held at Boston on December 29th, 1891, at which the officers were installed, and the Grand Feast of St. John the Evangelist celebrated in due form.

Lodges, 231; members, 31,786; increase, 923.

Samuel Wells (Boston), G.M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G.S.

MICHIGAN.

48th Communication, Detroit, January 26th, 1892.

John Q. Look, G.M.

Sixty lodges of instruction were held during the year, at which there were present in all 7,913 brethren. Four new lodges were formed.

They have now a Masonic Home, located at Grand Rapids, capable of accommodating from fifty to seventy-five inmates. The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will contribute to the Masonic Home Association, out of its surplus funds, the sum of \$3,000, or such part thereof as may be needed.

"Resolved, That the sum of \$7,500 be raised for the purpose of aiding the Masonic Home annually hereafter; that each lodge be solicited to pay its proportion of said amount on or before the 10th day of July, of each year, to the Grand Secretary; that the Grand Secretary pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer, to be paid out by him as above provided. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to give each lodge due and timely notice of the amount which it is requested to pay."

The Grand Secretary was elevated to the position of Grand Master. His Report on Correspondence is as extensive and exhaustive as usual. It occupies 351 pages of the proceedings. Canada, for 1891, receives a good notice, but Bro. Innes does not like the small type used in our proceedings. We are sorry to lose Bro. Innes from the ranks of the reporters, but we are sure that the Grand Lodge of Michigan will be the gainer by his election as Grand Master.

Lodges, 369; members, 33,098; increase, 1,147.

William P. Innes (Grand Rapids), G.M.

Jefferson S. Conover (Coldwater), G.S.

MINNESOTA.

39th Communication, St. Paul, January 13th, 1892.

Alfonso Barto, G.M.

Peace has reigned within their borders, and prosperity has blessed the land. Five new lodges were formed.

The following report was at first adopted, but was afterwards reconsidered:—

"Your committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following question of Bro. Chas. Griswold, viz: 'A brother having attained the rank of Deputy Grand Master in this jurisdiction, removes to another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, where he obtains the rank of Grand Master, and then returns to us; what is his rank in this Grand Lodge?' having duly considered the same, fraternally report that, agreeably to ancient Masonic usage, a Mason having once attained to the exalted position of Master never loses his caste, and is at all times entitled to be recognized and honored as an actual Past Master, and will rank as such."

The Grand Lodge evidently thought that the Committee should meet the question fairly, and on the reconsideration, the following was agreed to:—

"That the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to report upon the status in this Grand Lodge, of a brother who may have been elected to the position of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden in this Grand Lodge, and who then leaves this jurisdiction, takes a dimit, becomes a member in another Grand Jurisdiction, and again returns to this jurisdiction and joins some lodge therein.

"Also, upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to any of the above named positions in any other Grand Jurisdiction, and afterwards becomes a member in this jurisdiction."

Later in the Session the Committee asked, and were granted, time till the next Communication to report. The rule which is now observed by a majority of the Grand Lodges is, that only official rank obtained in the jurisdiction where membership is held is recognized by that jurisdiction.

A proposal to increase the Grand Lodge dues from 40 cents to 50 cents was negatived by 76 to 79.

The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated to be invested for the widows and orphans' fund.

The following were adopted :

"WHEREAS, By resolution of Mt. Nebo Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., of Shepherdstown, W. Va., Bro. Wynkoop Lemen, a member of that lodge, residing at Warren, Minn., was granted permission to exhibit in Warren Lodge, No. 110, at Warren, Minn., the apron—now owned by said Mt. Nebo Lodge—so long worn by Bro. George Washington, the first president of the United States, and presented to him by the famous Frenchman and Mason, Marquis de Lafayette, and worn by Washington at the time he laid the corner-stone of the Capitol, at the city of Washington; and

"WHEREAS, By the courtesy of Warren Lodge, No. 150, through Bro. L. Lamberson, its Worshipful Master, and the consent of said Mt. Nebo Lodge, said apron has been temporarily loaned to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and is now on exhibition at this session; and

"WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge, recognizing the honor so conferred, and being desirous of expressing to each of said lodges its appreciation of the same; therefore,

"Resolved, That the fraternal regards of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to the above named lodges, and also to Brothers Lemen and Lamberson, to all of whom are also tendered our sincere thanks for their kindness in permitting the brethren attending this Grand Lodge the great privilege of beholding so sacred a Masonic relic as the apron worn by George Washington.

"Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the lodges above named, and also to Brothers Lemen and Lamberson."

The apron referred to is a beautiful piece of needlework, of the usual size, the body being of white satin, bordered with a strip of black silk, nearly an inch in width and ruffled, and lined with dark cloth. The square and compass is worked in silk and gold thread. The stars and stripes and the French tricolor are embroidered in colors above the square and compass, a wreath or vine encompassing all. It was the handiwork of the lady members of the family of Lafayette, and was greatly prized by Washington in consequence. It is in a fair state of preservation, but one of the conditions of its being loaned was that it should be exhibited under glass. A glass frame was therefore provided by the Grand Secretary, who also read to the Grand Lodge the correspondence connected with its history, and how it came to be exhibited in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Irving Todd reports on Correspondence, and notices our proceedings for 1891.

Lodges, 191; members, 12,830; increase, 521.

Alfonso Barto (St. Cloud), G.M.

Thos. Montgomery (St. Paul), G.S.

MISSOURI.

71st Communication, Kansas City, October 13th, 1891.

George E. Walker, G.M.

This large volume of proceedings contains 432 pages, 100 of proceedings proper, 207 of the Report on Correspondence, 25 of the Reports of District Deputies, and 100 of tables and lists of lodges. Grand Secretary Vincil is to be congratulated on the remarkable promptitude with which this volume was issued. The Grand Lodge closed on October 15th and in five days thereafter he began mailing the proceedings.

The Grand Master opened nine new lodges, laid three corner-stones, attended several district lodges of instruction, and visited nearly forty lodges. We copy his "General Reflections":—

"This is an era of moral, intellectual and material progress; never before, perhaps, in the world's history, were such rapid advances made in all that pertains to the welfare

of the human race; ideas which seemed Utopian in the past, have attained fruition dreams once termed chimerical, are developing into practical realities. Education is becoming universal, and ignorance is the exception. Labor receives honorable recognition, while idleness is condemned. Moral worth and rectitude of character are at a premium; vice and its kin are relegated to obscurity. Infidelity, which once raised its hydra-headed front with unblushing temerity, slinks in the shadows of its own iniquity, while the truths of revealed religion, and the teachings of the Holy Bible, are disseminated in every clime.

"Has Masonry had aught to do with the mighty influences in motion evolving these results? Has it been any factor in the great uplifting of the human race? It has; if there is a land where these conditions do not obtain, where the hands of the great dial piece of civilization have been turned back instead of forward, that land is not the home of Freemasonry.

"Educating the moral thought, expanding the mental capacity, enlarging the individual conception of duties, civil, religious and political, its mission is not yet accomplished. The future, with limitless possibilities, beckons still onward and upward, and the inspiration of its past achievements, strengthens our belief in its abiding influence for the welfare of mankind."

On the state of the Craft, the Grand Secretary says:—

"From the point of observation occupied by the Grand Secretary, it is but natural that he should be cognizant of the condition of the Fraternity in the jurisdiction. Aside from extended travel, personal association with the lodges and brethren, frequent opportunity to witness the work and progress of the lodges in the State, I am possessed of the necessary additional information from the returns, to formulate a statement as to the status of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

"In my report one year ago, I announced that the work done in the lodges that term exceeded the previous year very considerably. It is with pleasure that I can say that the reports show a still larger increase in work and membership. The past has been a year of the most extensive ingathering into the folds of Masonry known to the present writer since his connection with the office. Affiliations and reinstatements exceed the number reported last year. Adding the raisings to the above, we have a gain of about 3,000 during the year. Subtract therefrom the loss by death, suspension, &c., 2,001, there is an actual gain of over 990. Added to the number of members reported last year, we have a membership amounting to 28,814. It will be readily seen that this has been the most prosperous year in the history of the Grand Lodge, so far as the consideration of numbers is concerned.

"Having been in close touch with the Fraternity for more than thirty years, profoundly interested in its progress and condition, along other lines than mere numerical gain, I am satisfied that the advancement of Freemasonry in Missouri has been to a higher plane of intelligence, moral character, and larger views as to duty to God and humanity, than ever known in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"It has been said that we live in a practical age. While this is true in other departments of life, it is not less so in the realm of our Ancient and Honorable Institution. As a conservative organization, it employs none of the methods in vogue and used by other societies to increase its numbers, consequently, its work, like the operation of nature's laws, moves on well fixed lines and operates forcefully, without seeking to attract and draw to its folds members by superficial methods."

Their Masonic Home is a gratifying success. It has 38 inmates, mostly children, and they are well cared for. We had the pleasure of visiting and inspecting this admirable institution in September last, and we were very much impressed with the good work that is there being carried on. The bright and happy faces of the children, and their evident love for those in charge, were sufficient to prove the good quality of the performance, and we were at no loss to understand the pride of the Missouri Masons at this practical exemplification of our benevolent tenets. The Grand Lodge increased the *per capita* tax from fifty cents to one dollar, and the whole of the increase is to go to the Home fund.

The Grand Secretary Reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1890. In his review of New York, we find the following remarks on dancing in the lodge rooms. We took the same ground when occupying the Grand East, and although some dissatisfaction was expressed at our ruling, it has since been accepted as the correct position:—

"He would guard carefully the sanctuary of our lodge rooms against the introduction of anything that would impair the dignity and moral character of the lodge. He urged that the lodge room be treated as a solemn sanctuary, where too much honor and reverence cannot be brought. His sentiments on this subject are the well

uttered and clearly expressed views of this writer. I may allude to the fact just here that in company with a Grand Lodge officer, I visited a lodge not remote from St. Louis, to participate in the dedication of a new Masonic Hall. I was to deliver the address following the installation. It was a beautiful room, handsomely furnished. I noticed the elegant carpet was covered with a tarpaulin. I at first supposed this was done to preserve the carpet from being soiled. At length, I asked the Master of the lodge why they had covered their carpet. His reply was, 'We expect to dance after the Masonic ceremonies are closed.' I asked the question, 'Would you have been allowed to dance in the Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple?' and added, 'As the lodge room dedicated to Masonic uses, wherein Masons are made, represents that holy place of the Temple, I would no more dance in a Masonic Hall than I would in a church. If you intend to have a ball in this lodge room, I will not be a party either to the dedication or to the desecration of the place. Therefore you must excuse me and I will retire.' The Grand Lodge officer, finding out the purpose to desecrate the place, positively interdicted any such diversion there. The hall was solemnly dedicated, the address was delivered, and in due time, the lodge was closed. The dancers repaired to some public hall and enjoyed themselves at will. I join Bro. Vrooman in his earnest defence of the sanctity of such places, and hold them to be sanctuaries that must be kept free from all things contrary to the spirit and purposes of the Masonic Institutions."

Lodges, 544; members, 28,816; increase, 992.

B. H. Ingram (Sedalia), G.M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G.S.

MONTANA.

27th Communication, Butte, October 14th, 1891.

William T. Boardman, G.M.

We observe that all the Past Masters have the prefix "Most Eminent" before their names, while the Grand Master has "M.W." We have always understood that "Most Worshipful" was the proper prefix for Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters, while "Most Eminent" belongs to the Knights Templars.

On the condition of the Craft, Grand Master Boardman says:—

"Within our borders tranquility has prevailed and Masonry has steadily progressed. A better appreciation of the dignity of the Fraternity seems to pervade the Craft, and a more careful selection of material is being made. It has always been my belief that more injury has been done to Masonry by the too free use of the white ball, than by a misuse of the black. The latter is not irremediable. It is not enough to warrant the casting of a white ball, that you know nothing against the applicant, but you should be reasonably certain that his admission will add strength to the Fraternity. Negative qualities should never elect. A building is not strengthened by the number of its timbers, but only by those that bear their due proportion of the strain. With the able assistance of the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. John C. Major, I have kept myself informed concerning the progress of those lodges I have been unable to visit. In most cases the report has been very encouraging. In a few it has been the reverse."

On the incorporation of lodges, he says:—

"At the sixteenth annual session of this Grand Lodge a resolution was passed, advising all subordinate lodges owning real estate, to take advantage of the incorporation laws. I would recommend that such resolution be rescinded; further, that the lodges be prohibited from incorporating. A Masonic Board can be incorporated to hold real estate. Should the lodge become a corporate body, it becomes amenable to the law, which is neither necessary nor advisable."

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge engaged his attention, and he found that the balance in the treasury was constantly decreasing. They pay mileage and per diem to three representatives from each lodge, and this is becoming a serious matter. He then says:—

"Desiring to inform myself as to the methods pursued in other jurisdictions in the matter of the representation of subordinates, I wrote to the fifty-six Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada, with the following result: Thirty-one paid neither mileage nor per diem for attendance; twenty-four paid for one representative from each lodge, and one imposed a per capita tax of \$1.25 in addition to its regular lodge dues to be applied to the payment of representation. Montana is the only Grand Lodge paying three. All the other Grand Jurisdictions either never paid that number or, after trial, abandoned it as impracticable, and almost without exception predict financial disaster if persisted in by us."

On the charity fund in other jurisdictions, he says:—

"Maine in 1824 started a charity fund with a capital of \$1,000. It now amounts to \$22,500, and the interest, some \$1,500, is annually appropriated for the relief of indigent Masons, their widows and orphans.

"In 1799 the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania set aside one-third of its receipts for charity. In 1846 it had only reached the sum of \$1,438.10. In 1843 it had accumulated to \$3,842.00 when the interest was used in charity. It now amounts to \$73,000 and is applied to the relief of widows and orphans.

"In Kentucky a Grand Lodge charity fund was started in 1802 by levying a tax for each initiation. In 1858 it had reached the sum of \$22,000.

"In Idaho an Orphan Fund was created in 1869 by a direct tax on the members. The present amount on hand is \$14,303.

"Colorado sets aside 25 per cent. of its Grand Lodge revenues for the founding of a Masonic Home.

"The Grand Lodge of Oregon started an Educational Fund in 1851. It now has \$68,000.

"The California Grand Lodge, through its Boards of Relief, in the past 34 years contributed \$263,000 to the relief of Masons of its own and other jurisdictions."

His concluding remarks are well worthy of preservation:—

"This great Fraternity is more than simply an organization to 'make,' 'pass' and 'raise' Masons. It is one of the great moral forces of civilization, entitled to honor, for its antiquity, its universality, and the record of its splendid deeds. You are a Mason—be proud of it; but understand fully why you should be, and be able to intelligently give a reason for the pride that is in you. Educate yourself in your profession; study the records of its antiquity, and trace it back, until the innumerable roots of its life are gradually lost in the dimness of past centuries.

"Read of, and appreciate the universality of the Craft. Think of this; in Masonry there is no night. The sun is forever lighting up some Mason's pathway—shining on some Mason's home. Men of all nations, believers in all creeds, meet on the Masonic pavement, in the fellowship of that eternal truth, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

"Read the recorded thoughts of those men, your brothers in the Craft, who have made Masonry a study; expounded its laws and built up its jurisprudence. Men who have marked the years of the century in which they lived, and by words and deeds, helped to make the civil and religious history of the world.

"Read of the splendid charities of the Craft, the homes for the aged and the indigent, the widow and the orphan, scattered throughout the realm of Masonry. Read of the weak strengthened, of the burdens lifted, of the homes brightened; then with a truer conception of all that it means, the honor, the dignity, and the manhood it comprehends, you can look upon the extended compasses, and with a well grounded pride say: 'I, too, am a Mason.'"

The Jurisprudence Committee reported unfavorably upon the recommendation of the Grand Master to reduce the paid representation to one from each lodge, deeming the general interests of the Craft better subserved by the larger attendance, with the increased enthusiasm thus promoted, and that these interests are as yet paramount to the question of retrenchment.

Five per cent. of the Grand Lodge dues is to be set apart each year for a charity fund.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That non-affiliates may visit lodges in Montana for one year after their arrival in the State, or after such non-affiliation shall commence; after the lapse of such time they shall not be permitted to visit, nor shall they have any of the privileges accorded to members of lodges, unless such non-affiliation be caused by their rejection by the lodge in whose jurisdiction they may reside, after a *bona fide* effort on their part to affiliate by petition in the usual way. And in case of such rejection, the non-affiliate may apply by petition for affiliation with any lodge within this jurisdiction, and until such affiliation is perfected may continue to enjoy all Masonic rights and privileges by paying Grand Lodge dues, either directly to the G. Secretary or through some subordinate lodge.

"Be it Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., of Montana, that while by right and immemorial usage it claims to be entitled to the property, effects and credits of every lodge holding by charter under it, upon its demise, it hereby declares that it will be no further responsible for any debt or obligation contracted by such demised lodge, beyond the value of the property, effects and credits of the lodge, that may come to its hands.

"Resolved, That inasmuch as the Grand Chapter R.A.M., of Montana, had decided that expulsion or suspension of members in the blue lodge should have like effect on

the membership in the chapter, when written notice of the fact was given by the secretary of the lodge to the secretary of the chapter, the secretaries of our subordinate lodges are hereby requested to give such notices on blanks furnished by the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the 16th Annual Communication, found on page 46 of printed Constitution and By-Laws, recommending the incorporation of subordinate lodges, be repealed, and that hereafter where incorporation may become necessary it be done through boards of trustees.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary adopt a form of diploma, which shall be uniform in this jurisdiction, and shall be issued to any Master Mason in good standing applying therefor, upon the payment of costs thereof and \$1 additional as fee to the Grand Lodge for the same.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that persons engaged in the saloon business, as proprietors or employers, are not fit or proper material for the degrees of Masonry, and we enjoin upon all subordinate lodges careful investigation of all such applications."

After a heated, prolonged, and wearisome contest of motions and speeches the following resolution was declared adopted:—

Resolved, That the regulation of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Grand Communication in 1887, providing for the adoption of the Webb work for this Grand Jurisdiction, be rescinded, and that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge Communication that the work in vogue before the adoption of said resolution shall be the work for Montana."

Much confusion followed the announcement of the vote, and many enquiries were made by Masters as to the work they should follow, and it was then voted that they might continue to work as heretofore until officially instructed otherwise.

The Grand Secretary has an excellent Report on Correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives due notice.

Lodges, 34; members, 2,008; increase, 175.

R. O. Hickman (Helena), G.M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G.S.

NEBRASKA.

34th Communication, Omaha, June 17th, 1891.

Robert E. French, G.M.

The Grand Master's Address is a most elaborate document, covering fifty-four pages. He commenced reading it about 4 p.m., adjourned at 6.15, resumed at 8, and finished the reading at some hour not stated. He devoted his entire time to the duties of his office. He travelled over 2,000 miles in constituting nine lodges. He issued dispensations for eight new lodges. On the "Indian Question," he says:—

"During the excitement of the late Sioux outbreak, I corresponded with the Masters of the lodges at Valentine, Gordon, Hay Springs, Rushville, and Chadron, offering any needed assistance that was in our power to render them or any members of our Fraternity who might be in distress by reason of any depredations that might have occurred by our red neighbors.

"I only heard of one brother who might be in any danger. I instructed the Master to inform the brother to take no chances on the lives of his family or himself, but to remove to some place of safety, and if he was not able to do so, we were ready and willing to render him such aid and assistance as he might need. Shortly after receiving this information the trouble came to a speedy termination, without one single application being made to us for relief caused by this late uprising among the Sioux."

The Grand Custodian visited 174 lodges, held 346 meetings of lodges for instruction, and conferred 48 degrees.

A large amount of local business was transacted, and particular attention appears to be paid to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the careful management of its several funds.

The sufferers in the drouth-stricken portion of the jurisdiction were promptly relieved.

Lodges, 197; members, 9,717; increase, 435.

Bradner D. Slaughter (Fullerton), G.M.

William R. Bowen (Omaha), G.S.

NEVADA.

27th Communication, Reno, June 9th, 1891.

John W. Eckley, G.M.

His official acts were few. Nothing was neglected, but the harmony prevailing left little for him to do.

The Grand Lodges of Tasmania and Victoria were recognized.

All the lodges except one made full returns and paid all dues.

Bro. Robert L. Fulton Reports on Correspondence, and in his opening remarks, he says:—

"It is hard to believe that in this advanced age there is any strong prejudice against Masonry outside of that begot by religious bigotry, and yet there is. The writer chanced to hear an expression of it not long since as a Masonic procession was passing along the street, from quite an intelligent person, who expressed it as his opinion that Masonry was used regularly in all cases before Courts of Justice as well in civil as in criminal cases. Upon a not very close study of the question I was surprised to find a very general idea to prevail that such was the fact, and that Masonry was used as a pull upon courts and juries. Those who know in the only way that the truth can be ascertained upon Masonic subjects, need not be told how false and foolish this impression is, but it struck me as being worth mentioning, and that Grand Masters and Orators and others might very properly touch upon it at suitable moments."

Canada, for 1890, is kindly noticed.

Lodges, 19; members, 991; decrease, 7.

Frank Bell (Reno), G.M.

C. H. Noteware (Carson), G.S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

24th Communication, St. John, April 28th, 1891.

Thomas Walker, G.M.

Among his decisions we find the following:—

"Chase, in his Digest of Masonic Law, says: 'The vote of the lodge dimitts, though no certificate of such vote be issued. A dimit having been voted, neither the Master nor Secretary can refuse to deliver the brother a certificate of the same, if he requests it. A vote to dimit cannot consistently be reconsidered.'

"Robertson, in his Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence, says: 'After a dimit is granted, it cannot be withheld because a charge is subsequently preferred against the brother.'

"I therefore ruled that the dimit must issue, and directed the Grand Secretary so to inform the lodge.

"In reply to inquiries, 'In which Degree should business of a lodge be transacted,' answered, 'As all members of lodges, under an amendment to our Constitution, must be M.M., it would be better that all business should be transacted in that degree, but it is not imperative.'

"As to exact force of reading minutes at close of meetings,' answered: 'That minutes are read at close of meeting merely that any errors may be corrected while the subjects are fresh in the minds of those present, and have no force of approval or confirmation.'

Bro. Walker made a number of official visits, and found the lodges in a flourishing condition.

The lodges in New Brunswick have a peculiar way of depriving their absent members of their membership. Having left the country, the lodge, *by vote, considers* them withdrawn, and the Grand Master and Board of General Purposes hold that such brethren can only regain their membership by a fresh proposal for affiliation and a favorable ballot. This may be a convenient way of getting members out of the lodge, but it is liable to the objection that such power might easily be abused to the prejudice of good Masons.

The following interesting Report of a Special Committee was adopted:—

"The committee renew their request of last year that the application of the Grand Lodge of Peru for recognition and fellowship stand over. There are now twenty-six lodges owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge, three of which are dormant. Twenty of these lodges are in Peru, one in Ecuador, and five in Bolivia. The committee are

uncertain as to whether the subordinate lodges, which originally formed this Grand Lodge, were regular Craft lodges; or, indeed, whether it was first formed by warranted lodges or by individual Masons. No harm can result from further delay.

"A communication has been laid before the committee, under date 12th September, 1890, announcing that V. W. Bro. Gamaliel Arenas has succeeded the late Pedro J. Ramirez, for some time Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico. We have never entered into fraternal relations with the Freemasons of Mexico, as for a long time some of the bodies appeared to be semi-political organizations, and they appeared to have a system of government unknown to the Craft here. Recently there has been a movement, partially successful at least, to place the Craft lodges under a system of government of their own, and to restore the independence of Ancient Masonry, which was too long subject to external influences. In this work, Bro. Ramirez took an active and intelligent part, and the committee learn of his death with regret.

"There are documents from the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Egypt; in the case of the latter asking this Grand Lodge to enter into fraternal communication with it, and to exchange representatives. The names are submitted of Leonida Drasinios, Domenico Sciarrone, and Osman Pascia Orphid, any one of whom will be acceptable as our representative in Egypt. The committee respectfully advise Grand Lodge not to enter into fraternal relations with this organization. The Supreme Council itself does not appear to be an independent Masonic authority, but is a part of a Grand Orient, which is composed of a Grand Body, having control over Craft lodges, and of other bodies having control of different Rites, such as the Swedenborgian Rite, the Rite of Memphis, an order of Masonic Knighthood, so called, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Count Frederick G. de Nichehievick, at Alexandria, that at the present time the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick does not see its way clear to the establishment of the fraternal relations desired.

"Application for recognition of a Grand Lodge recently organized in the Island of New Zealand, is dated from Christ Church, N.Z., 1st May, 1890, and is signed, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, by William Ronaldson, Grand Secretary. It sets forth that a majority of the lodges of Freemasons in the colony, holding of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, have formed themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, and that Henry Thomson, Esq., has been installed Grand Master; that the movement has been carried out from no feeling of antagonism to the parent Grand Lodges, for whom is felt the most sincere affection and gratitude, but solely from a conviction arrived at after much earnest and thoughtful deliberation that this course of action was conducive to the good of the Craft, and would help to strengthen and increase its usefulness in the colony; that Freemasonry has been established nearly fifty years in New Zealand; and that while the Craft is grateful for the fostering care of the parent Grand Lodges, it is now sufficiently strong to exercise the right of self government with credit to itself and honor to those Grand Lodges from which it has sprung.

"The papers submitted to the committee give the proceedings at the installation of the Grand Master, at Christ Church, on 30th April last, and subsequent proceedings of Grand Lodge, all of which are quite regular. But there had been a preliminary convention at Wellington, in September, 1889, at which the resolution was come to, to form a Grand Lodge. The convention then adjourned until April 30th, on which date, as already stated, Grand Lodge was formally organized. In the absence of the report of this convention, your committee have no exact information immediately available as to the number of lodges which gave in their adhesion to the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The circular of Very Worshipful Bro. Ronaldson says that the majority of the lodges in the island have united in the formation. The committee have carefully examined such other sources of information as were at their hand, and they find that there were about one hundred and thirty-five lodges in New Zealand, under nine Provincial Grand Masters, and this does not include a lodge lately established by the Grand Orient of France; they find it stated in the Australian Masonic journals that three-fifths of the active-working lodges in the colony united in the movement and are adherents of the new Grand Lodge; they find that the proposal to establish a Grand Lodge was discussed throughout the island among the Craft a year and a half before any movement was made; and that in different localities, Masonic Unions were formed to collect and disseminate information upon the subject; that some time before the last step was finally taken the Provincial Grand Masters asked for delay, which delay was acceded to; and that when no result was reached, a forward movement was again made. The committee are of opinion that New Zealand is entitled to have its own Masonic government; that the fullest publicity was given to the proceedings prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge; that a majority of the lodges in the colony were assenting parties to the formation; that the Grand Lodge in New Zealand is regularly formed and duly organized, and that it should be recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and fraternal relations with it established as soon as practicable.

Lodges, 32 ; members, 1,880 ; decrease, 5.
 Thomas Walker (St. John), G.M.
 Edwin J. Wetmore (St. John), G.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

102nd Communication, Concord, May 20th, 1891.

Frank D. Woodbury, G.M.

He appointed Bro. John A. Cowan as their representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

All the six District Deputies made full reports, showing the lodges generally in a prosperous condition.

A proposal to reduce the minimum initiation fee to \$15 was indefinitely postponed.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

“Resolved, That the committee on Jurisprudence be requested to prepare and present to this Grand Body at its next annual communication simple forms for trial of members of lodges for non-payment of dues.”

“Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and present said revision at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.”

Bro. A. S. Wait Reports on Correspondence. In his review of our proceedings for 1890, he still insists on his peculiar idea that an edict of non-intercourse does not prohibit Masonic intercourse with the individual Masons of the interdicted jurisdiction. That is not our view of the effect of such an edict.

He differs from the majority also in holding that non-affiliated Masons are entitled to Masonic burial.

Bro. Wait has a long article on the Ancient Landmarks, which is very interesting, and from which we make one extract :—

“That no one is authorized to say for the fraternity what the landmarks of Masonry are, and that, as abstract propositions, they are in general very indefinite, we fully agree, but that there are boundaries clearly visible, which mark the institution and clearly distinguish it from all other institutions of the world, no one can deny and be sensible that Freemasonry exists. And it is these which by general consent have gained in Masonic terminology the appropriate name of landmarks.

“Brother Pike himself formulates no less than seven propositions, which he lays down as undoubted landmarks. For the convenience of the reader, numbering these as they occur in the criticism upon Brother Mackey, they are (9) the necessity of Masons to congregate in lodges ; (10) the government of every lodge by a Master and Wardens ; (11) that the work of the lodges should be done in private ; (19) a belief in Deity ; (20) the belief in another life for the soul of man ; (22) that on the floor of a lodge all Masons stand on one common level ; (23) that the secrets of Freemasonry cannot be divulged.

“In the statement of these several propositions as landmarks, we agree fully with Brother Pike. We think there are also other principles which, although in many cases difficult to reduce to a precise formula to which the whole Craft would assent, yet, whenever a case arises for their application, are perceived and acted upon as matters clear to the Masonic mind as landmarks of the Craft. It is true, doubtless, that no man is authorized to lay these down, *ex cathedra*, but they are generally apparent as cases arise in the course of Masonic work or business transactions.”

Lodges, 78 ; members, 8,542 ; increase, 209.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G.M.

George P. Cleaves (Concord), G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

105th Communication, January 27th, 1892.

Thomas W. Tilden, G.M.

Several pages of the Address of the Grand Master are taken up with cases of invasion of jurisdiction. The “Lemm” case, with New York, was satisfactorily settled, and the candidate formally healed. In another case, with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, we find an evidence of enlight-

enment, on the part of one, at least, of the Grand Lodges of the "Old Country," that the Masons of the "New Country" have some rights that should be respected. We welcome the sign. The record is as follows :—

"In the case of Mercer Young, a resident of Paterson, N.J., who was made a Mason by St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 602, of Derriaghy, Ireland, in the spring of 1883, I received, on May 1st, by the hand of Worshipful Brother Abbett, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near this Grand Lodge, a request from St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 602, that Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 88, waive jurisdiction over the said Young, and that if such waiver was granted, I take such action in the case as was suggested in M.W. Brother Mann's letter of September 30th, 1889, to Worshipful Brother Abbett, viz., 'that upon the granting of waiver of jurisdiction, that the said Young be healed of his Masonic disabilities, making his status that of an unaffiliated Mason.' This request was indorsed as follows :

"By direction of the M.W. Grand Master, the Duke of Abercorn, I beg to recommend the within petition to the favorable consideration of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

(Signed)

"ROBERT W. SHAKLETON,

"Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Ireland."

"In accordance with this request, I recommended to Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 88, of Paterson, that it grant waiver of jurisdiction over Mr. Mercer Young, provided he was fit material, which they cheerfully did, and on Friday evening, June 12th, I visited Ivanhoe Lodge, accompanied by M.W. Past Grand Masters Congdon and Moore, Worshipful Brother Abbett, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and my associate officers, and healed the said Mercer Young of his Masonic disabilities, and recalled the interdict laid upon him by my predecessor.

"The fact that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ireland has thus recognized, by its Most Worshipful Grand Master, our jurisdiction over candidates resident within our boundaries, is a subject for fraternal congratulation."

Bro. Tilden thinks that there is not sufficient enthusiasm among the Craft to establish a Masonic Home, and he finds a general preference for the establishment of a Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized.

Resolutions were adopted asking those lodges who had promised contributions to the Home Fund if they were willing to transfer the same to the Charity Fund, and to carry out the wishes of all the donors in that matter. This looks as if the Home project had come to a termination.

In the Review of Canada for 1891, by Bro. Henry Vehslage, we find the following paragraph :—

"The system of District Deputy Grand Masters is nowhere so effectively employed as by our Canadian brethren. A large part of the volume is given to reports by these faithful officers, and the precise condition of every lodge is ascertained, its merits duly noted, its defects criticised. All but two of the 343 lodges were personally visited, and there are evident tokens that the Craft are prospering in their work."

Lodges, 161 ; members, 14,320 ; increase, 339.

Thomas Tilden (Jersey City), G.M.

T. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G.S.

NEW MEXICO.

14th Communication, Albuquerque, November 16th, 1891.

C. H. Dane, G.M.

While throughout the territory many business enterprises have seemed to stand still, the Craft has never been more prosperous. The Grand Master thinks that the financial conditions are not favorable to the commencement of a temple, if it is to be a good one.

The Committee on the Address speak very boldly on the subject of saloon-keepers as Masons :—

"The remarks of the Grand Master concerning the request for an opinion on the admission into Cerrillos Lodge of an applicant who followed the business of saloon keeping, are in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, as they now stand, and while not desiring or assuming to lay down a course of action, still your committee is

of the opinion that it is the prevailing sentiment of the Craft throughout the United States of America that the occupation of keeping a saloon is a bar to the admission of persons holding such occupation, to the mysteries of Freemasonry."

The Annual Communications are in future to be held on the first Monday of October in each year.

A committee was appointed to revise the work. They are to hold office for three years, and report progress at each Annual Communication.

Bro. Max Frost Reports on Correspondence. He has a good notice of Canada for 1891. If Bro. Frost will look at the Report of the Committee on Credentials, on page 217 of our proceedings for 1891, he will see that out of 348 lodges on the roll, 304 were represented at that Communication.

Richard English (San Marcial), G.M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G.S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have the proceedings of "The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales," from June, 1890, to June, 1891. All the meetings were held at Sydney.

A Special Communication was held July 15th, 1890, at which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"That this Grand Lodge has received with extreme regret the announcement of the death of Most Worshipful Brother the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, and that same be recorded on the Sacred Scroll of the Grand Lodge.

"That this Grand Lodge desires to convey to the Grand Lodge of England its deep sympathy for the loss which it has sustained by the lamented death of its Pro Grand Master, and that the same be communicated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"That the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales recognizes the Grand Lodge of New Zealand as legally constituted, and the supreme and sovereign Masonic authority in that territory, and invites it to the usual interchange of representatives.

"That this Grand Lodge hears with great satisfaction that the whole of the lodges working in the colony of Tasmania have established a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge for that Masonic territory, and wishes it God-speed in its mission of local self-government.

2nd. "That this Grand Lodge gladly extends to the Grand Lodge of Tasmania its recognition, and fraternally asks for an interchange of representatives near each Grand Lodge."

At the Quarterly Communication, on September 10th, 1890, the Committee of the Carrington Cottage Masonic Hospital handed over their trust to the Grand Lodge. This Committee had been elected by the late District Grand Lodge, under the English Constitution, to erect this Cottage Hospital in connection with the Carrington Convalescent Hospital at Camden. The total cost was \$7,500, and it was opened by the Grand Master, Lord Carrington, on August 20th, 1890.

Four new lodges received Charters direct from the Grand Lodge.

It was decided that a candidate "minus a limb," was not eligible.

A Master was found guilty of a "grave error of judgment" in refusing to allow a F. C. to vote in his lodge, and he was cautioned not to do so in future.

The Grand Inspector of Workings reported as follows:—

"In making this, my first report, I am pleased to be able to state that great care and attention is being bestowed by the W.M.'s of lodges to carry out the Ritual, and it has afforded me very great pleasure to witness the impressive manner in which some of the Degrees have been conferred; but owing to the number of installations that have taken place during the quarter, my visits have been limited, but hope in my next to be able to deal more fully with the matter."

The Colony was divided into thirteen districts, and a District Grand Inspector of Workings was appointed for each district.

A Special Communication was held Oct. 15th, 1890, at which a farewell address was presented to the Grand Master, Lord Carrington, Governor of the colony, on the eve of his departure for England.

At the Quarterly Communication, on December 10th, 1890, the resignation of the Grand Master was accepted.

In his Second Report, the Grand Inspector of Workings is able to testify to the efficient manner in which the majority of the lodges are being worked, but he would like to see more attention bestowed on the musical portion of the ceremony, "assisting, as it does, so materially to add to the solemnity of the degrees."

Quarterly Communication, March 11th, 1891.

It was decided that an occupant of the chair of Master for ten months could not take rank as a Past Master.

Quarterly Communication, June 10th, 1891.

The Board of General Purposes made their yearly report as follows :—

"The present communication marks the close of the third Masonic year under the Union; and it will perhaps be useful to cursorily glance at the principal work of this Board during this period, before proceeding with the usual details for the current quarter.

"Looking back, then, upon past events, it is a matter for sincere congratulation that the progress of the Craft has been so thorough and so free from unpleasantness—although, necessarily, one or two cases have had to be decisively dealt with, much to the regret of this Board, and also doubtless that of Grand Lodge. I refer to the erasure of two lodges from the records—a result only arrived at after most patient consideration; and it is to be hoped that the examples made will be a warning to all lodges throughout this jurisdiction, where want of harmony may at present or hereafter exist; and that the coming year may not be marked by any similar episodes.

"Our lodges now muster 184, and the alteration in numbers from last year is caused by the erasure of two, the amalgamation of six, and the creation of six new lodges; whilst of the above total, three lodges are in suspense, owing to recent bad commercial times, and the consequent want of means on the part of members to find adequate resources to carry on. Of the new warrants applied for, two have been refused upon various grounds as not being necessary in the localities for which they were demanded; and it should be borne in mind by all future applicants that unless proper Masonic accommodation is forthcoming at the time of making the application, the Board are not prepared to recommend the prayer of the petitions. It is gratifying also to report that through the drastic measures taken by the Board, all arrears of Grand Lodge dues owing by lodges have been paid up, with one exception only—and that was in a measure satisfactorily explained. The several cases for adjudication have been as hitherto dealt with by very full Boards, seeing the average attendance of 22 members out of 23 has been 11 out of a possible 13. Six members have attended every meeting—four only being under "ten." Of the cases submitted, a few have been of an interesting type, but on the other hand several might have been dispensed with—as also questions submitted for the ruling of the Board—were rather more attention paid to the careful study of the "Constitution" by the presiding officers of lodges, and the brethren constituting them. However, in this respect, greater improvement is now manifest; and it is to be hoped it will continue to grow, inasmuch as it will serve to relieve the Board of a portion at least of its labors.

"Of the Board itself, I cannot but speak in terms of the highest praise. The attendance has not only been numerous, but also punctual; and at no time has any undue haste in consequence of protracted sittings interfered with their patient consideration and matured judgment. In finally retiring from office after a period of three years, I take this opportunity of thanking all who have sat under me during that time for the uniform courtesy and consideration, and the marked respect they have at all times paid to the ruling of the chair. The Grand Secretaries have as usual afforded the various Boards and sub-committees most efficient aid alike by their punctual attendance as by their thorough knowledge of the work with which they have to cope. Their department is a credit to the Craft, and cannot (I venture to assert) be surpassed by that of any kindred institution in the world. It is a matter for regret that the health of the Grand Secretary has for the past few months been of concern to his friends; but it is to be hoped that after the brief holiday he has had, he may soon be restored to his original vigor.

"The institution of District Grand Inspectors has proved a great success, as the reports of the Grand Inspector of Workings point out. Their visitations will materially tend to improve lodges—not only as regards unanimity of working, but also impart more activity and a better tone to the members. In respect to country lodges this will be more specially marked, they being by this means brought more in touch with their metropolitan brethren and the Grand Lodge.

"During the year we have further received hearty and fraternal recognition from 15 Grand Bodies, whose representatives now sit in this Grand Lodge; most prominent amongst them being these of Ireland, New York, and Grand Orient of Belgium—bringing

the total number of foreign representatives up to 46 to present date. A further cause for hearty congratulation exists in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania—and more recently that of New Zealand—to both of whom our warm recognition was instantly accorded. A question of supremacy has arisen between ourselves and the Grand Lodge of South Australia—not in any spirit of hostility and bitterness, but both holding their own views to be correct.

"Everything taken into consideration, therefore, we have much cause for congratulation—Masonically speaking, as well as financially; and may each succeeding year as it rolls on add increasing laurels to our noble Order, and abound in brotherly love and the practice of every social and moral virtue."

His Excellency, the Earl of Jersey, the new Governor of the colony, was elected Grand Master, and he was installed with great ceremony at a Special Communication, held on the following day.

Lodges, 184; membership not stated.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G.S.

NEW YORK.

110th Communication, New York, June 2nd, 1891.

John W. Vrooman, G.M.

Among the deaths reported is that of Bro. Charles Roome, P.G.M. His career was in many respects an exceptional one. He was not initiated into Masonry until he was fifty-three years old, yet his ability and energy enabled him to attain to the Grand Master's chair in thirteen years thereafter, and seven years later he was Grand Master of the Templars of the United States.

Among the representatives appointed, we notice the name of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, for Canada.

On the condition of the Craft, Grand Master Vrooman says:—

"Seven hundred and twenty-one lodges, with a membership of more than seventy-seven thousand, extend fraternal greetings to the Masonic world and proclaim with unbounded satisfaction that harmony and happiness, peace and prosperity continue throughout the length and breadth of this great jurisdiction.

"Again we assemble with each annual return complete and on file with the Grand Secretary. Again do we announce that no Charter has been suspended or surrendered; that our magnificent property continues free from any encumbrance; that our assets have largely increased, and, best of all, that our devotion to the principles underlying Freemasonry has not faltered, but moved steadily forward.

"It is not my purpose to enter upon any discussion of this subject. The earnest, unselfish labor of the Craft speaks for itself.

"We are beginning a new era in our existence, and certain am I that the condition of the Craft will improve in the future as in the past; that the labors of the Craft in the interest of peace and unity, in the interest of brotherly love and care for the unfortunate, will continue so long as there shall be need for sympathy and charity."

Two new lodges were formed. The policy of the Grand Lodge in recent years has been to discourage the formation of new lodges, and Bro. Vrooman believes that the permanent prosperity of the fraternity demands that all growth should for the present be infused into the lodges that are now in existence.

On public installations, the Grand Master says:—

"Many inquiries have been made regarding the propriety and regularity of so-called Public Installations, but I have expressed no opinion upon this point. In the absence of Masonic law or precedent in this jurisdiction, I have merely offered a few general suggestions.

"I hold the sublime principles and moral teachings of Freemasonry to be of greater profit and importance to the Craft, than any endeavor to surround our printed Ritual with a needless air of mystery, as this does not in any wise tend to preserve our cherished secrets.

"I hold the open secrets of our Ritual are but the approaches to our beloved Institution, drawbridges to our noble Masonic castle.

"I hold that the principles and not the secrets have perpetuated our grand old castle, which should always be properly guarded, but never entirely secluded.

"I am unalterably opposed to making our Institution solely one of mystery.

"Brethren, do not encourage a Craftsman to be conspicuous by his mysteries; do not encourage a Craftsman to be conspicuous by his emblems; but always encourage

a Craftsman to be conspicuous by his devotion to the sublime principles of Freemasonry. Welcome the cultivation and practice of all the good and beautiful in our Ritual, but avoid undue display before the world that Free and Accepted Masons are in possession of some great and unknown secrets of untold magnitude and importance.

"While the question of Public Installation may be open to criticism, I have confidence in the good judgment and sound discretion of each lodge, and therefore suggest that this matter be left to the wisdom of the lodge for decision, subject always to proper restrictions, among these the following:

"*First.* The ceremonies should be performed in the lodge-room, never outside of it.

"*Second.* It should be public in the sense only that persons not members of the Fraternity should be present upon the express invitation of the lodge, or a member thereof; and these invitations should be restricted to the families and immediate friends of the members.

"*Third.* Any exercises, either before or after the installation ceremonies, should be in keeping with the dignity of the occasion.

"It is my belief that an occasional installation of the character mentioned will bring the families and friends of the brethren into closer relations, and avoid something of the needless air of mystery which occasionally pervades our Institution. We detract nothing from its dignity, we violate no Ancient Landmark, and we dispel an occasional prejudice by thus inviting those who are near and dear to us to witness the ceremonial, entirely exoteric in character.

"In concluding this subject, I would urge upon each lodge never to engage in a Public Installation, if any of the brethren should deem it advisable not to perform this ceremony in the manner indicated."

Mount Nebon Lodge has 381 members, and their dues are \$6 per year, and every member has paid up in full. This lodge presented an equally satisfactory and exceptional report last year. Palmyra Lodge has an established custom of presenting to each candidate, upon his receiving the Sublime Degree, a copy of the Holy Bible. These two lodges, and Day Star Lodge, the youngest lodge in the jurisdiction, have each generously offered to furnish, at their own expense, one of the rooms in the new Asylum.

The corner-stone of the new Asylum at Utica was laid May 21st, 1891, with imposing ceremonies.

There are thirty Districts in the State, and the Grand Lecturer, Bro. George H. Raymond, held a Convention in each District under his personal supervision. In his Report, he says:—

"The representatives of the various lodges at these conventions have manifested an earnest desire to perfect themselves in the standard work, and the brethren generally have made every effort to render my sojourn among them as pleasant as possible, and I take this opportunity of returning my thanks for the many kind offices I have received at their hands, and for the patience and perseverance displayed in so diligently endeavoring to make the work of their respective lodges conform to the standard work of the Grand Lodge.

"While bearing cheerful testimony to the desire of the lodges to acquire the correct standard work, it affords me equal if not greater pleasure to say, that there seems to be just as earnest a desire on the part of the Craft not to lose sight of those fundamental principles of our Institution without which Masonry would be of but little benefit to mankind. The charities of the Craft are dispensed with no niggardly hand, and brotherly love, relief and truth march side by side wherever the Craft has an abiding place.

"The voluntary visits of yourself to the several conventions for the second time, have been productive of magnificent results, and your wholesome and timely advice to the representatives at each convention is endorsed by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

"The sacrifice on your part in making these visitations has been great, but could you have heard the expressions of the brethren relative thereto, you would consider yourself amply repaid."

After twenty-five years' faithful service as Grand Lecturer, Bro. Raymond was voted a testimonial, consisting of a purse of \$500.

In nine years, 1,771 volumes have been added to the Grand Lodge Library. The Reading-room is open daily (except Sundays and holidays), from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m., and from 7 to 10.30 p.m.

The Report of the Historian, Bro. Charles T. McClenachan is very

interesting, and it is sufficiently important to justify its reproduction in full :—

"The Historian of the Grand Lodge submits the following report of the progress of his work :

"In adhering to the course originally laid down as a guidance for the 'History of Freemasonry in New York,' the second division relates to the Grand Lodge from the time of granting the Provincial Warrant in 1781, to the present day, free from the historical account of individual lodges so far as practicable. This forms Volume II., and is in continuation of the early history of the fraternity in New York prior to 1781, which formed Volume I., and which is complete in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

"The manuscript of Vol. II. has been deposited with the printer, and will doubtless be ready for delivery at an early season. This will be followed in conclusion of the second division of the work by Vol. III.

"There has been some delay occasioned by an advantageous change that was made in the preparation of the work, by making it chronological and topical in preference to adopting a general and narrated account. This caused considerable extra copying and re-writing of much of the manuscript. By this change there will be furnished a sequence of all important events and subjects contained in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, divested of all superfluous or immaterial matter which, if required, can be referred to in the original minutes preserved in the office of the Grand Secretary. Thus the innumerable subjects that have been discussed and considered in Grand Lodge are taken up in a topical and chronological manner and continued until the sequence may be broken, and the subject renewed in its proper place without too great disconnection.

"Every person who will become possessed of the several volumes of this work will virtually have at hand the records of the Grand Lodge, with a copious index by which to refer to every subject therein contained.

"It is now evident that much of the usefulness of Volume I. is impaired for want of a proper index, which, when the work was published, it was presumed would not be necessary in consequence of the insertion of a 'table of contents' and the numerical arrangement of the matter. A full index is recommended when publishing a second edition.

"The labor entailed in the examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for one hundred and ten years, and the transcription of much of said matter, together with the searching and preparation of essential material incident to the historical account of Freemasonry in New York, must necessarily be slow on the part of one who has his daily avocations to perform; but the difficulties to be contended with have been materially overcome, and the remaining portion of the labor may be more rapidly conducted to a final conclusion.

"The history of the individual lodges, chronologically arranged, will form the third and last division of the entire work."

In the Report of the Committee on "Work and Lectures," we find the following learned disquisition, and the accompanying resolution was adopted :—

"Your Committee have given some study to the history of the Valley of Jehoshaphat and of the Valley of Hinnom, and of the application of the name to each. We believe that prior to the fourth century the name Valley of Jehoshaphat was unknown. It has since been given as a name to that valley which separates the Hill of Moriah, on which the Temple of Solomon was built from the Mount of Olives, so well known to all Bible students. The same valley has as well been called the Valley of the Kedron. This valley has never been an unclean or unholy place. It has become the sacred place of loving interment of Jew and Mohammedan, and also has the respect of the Christ an who, dying in that land, finds his grave first on Mount Zion, or, if not there, his desire is for the Valley of the Kedron or Jehoshaphat. On the other hand, the Valley of Hinnom, or the sons of Hinnom, has ever been a place of reproach. It lies to the south of both Moriah and Zion, and unites the Valley of Gihon and the Valley of the Kedron or Jehoshaphat, and is the lowest ground about the city. It separates the city of Jerusalem from the Hill of Evil Counsel. It was the scene in ancient times of horrid rites. Here were the undying fires of Tophet. It was cursed and sown with human bones. It was the place in which the inhuman sacrifices of children to Moloch were made. It was the place where the dead bodies of criminals and of dead animals were cast to be destroyed by that undying fire. It was the place which came to be call Gehenna. Vultures infested it, gathering where were the carcasses of the dead. It was a place of evil and reproach, and ever will be.

"We recommend the following :

"Resolved, That the word 'Hinnom' be substituted for 'Jehoshaphat' in the place where used."

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was accorded recognition. Recognition

was refused to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Independent Spanish Grand Lodge.

For the first time since its organization, in 1873, the Commission of Appeals has the pleasure of reporting that there has been no business before it. Not a single appeal to the Grand Lodge has been taken during the past year. For so large and numerous a jurisdiction, this is certainly a most gratifying evidence of the prevailing harmony.

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony Reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives due notice.

Lodges, 721 ; members, 77,923 ; increase, 2,148.

William Sherer (Brooklyn), G.M.

E. M. H. Ehlers (New York), G.S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

105th Communication, Raleigh, January 12th, 1892.

Hezekiah A. Gudger, G.M.

They have 213 children in the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and they are very proud of this practical illustration of the charity we profess. Non-affiliation is growing more unpopular in North Carolina. The legislation of the Grand Lodge on this subject seems to have been effective in diminishing the tendency in this direction, and producing a reaction towards affiliation. Twelve new lodges were formed, and six old ones revived.

The Masonic Congress at Chicago, in August, 1893, was approved of, and delegates appointed to attend, with the express understanding that they are not to favor a General Grand Lodge. We wonder why so many brethren appear to be afraid of this bugbear, when, so far as we have seen, not a single brother has advocated any such scheme.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"WHEREAS, The King's Daughters of North Carolina, in their annual convention, held in the city of Raleigh, in the spring of 1891, generously donated four hundred and twenty dollars to the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the purpose of providing bath-tubs for the children ; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its sincere thanks to them for their kindness, and will pray that the blessings of our Supreme Grand Master may rest upon them in their work and labor of love."

"No lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall recognize or hold communication with the Cerneau body or its members, and shall discountenance the establishment of any of its branches in this jurisdiction."

Bro. Julius C. Martin Reports on Correspondence.

Lodges, 265 ; members, 9,045 ; increase, 775.

H. A. Gudger (Asheville), G.M.

Donald W. Bain (Raleigh) G.S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

2nd Communication, Fargo, June 16th, 1891.

Frank J. Thompson, G.M.

A new lodge was formed at Langdon. On the examination of visitors, the Grand Master says :—

"In order for a stranger brother to gain admission into a lodge, he must satisfy the brethren that he is a Mason in good standing. A receipt for dues and a satisfactory examination on the lectures are only *prima facie* evidence that he is such. The very best Masous are not always the best posted. Personal acquaintance with and reputation of the applicant are as concomitant to an avouchment as a knowledge of the lectures. The biggest Masonic frauds in the world are always armed with credentials, and are bright in the ritual. Masonry is no iron bedstead into which all men must fit, or be lopped off or stretched out, as the case may be, that they may just fit it. While caution must always be observed, circumstances must not be ignored. The laws of the Medes and Persians stagnated the nations which they governed, and the inflexible rule of the Egyptian priests as to perspective, dwarfed artistic thought, and left to the world a

legacy of uncouth hieroglyphics that rival only the embryonic attempts of the school boy. God gave man discretion in a more or less degree. Circumstances is a condition which men must recognize; so in the matter of satisfying yourself as to the worthiness of a stranger brother to visit the lodge, use discretion, consider the circumstances and be cautious. In such matters I can only state generalities. Those on the ground must deal with particulars."

M. W. Bro. William G. Bell, the Grand Master of Manitoba, was warmly welcomed as an honored visitor.

In the Report on Correspondence by the Grand Secretary, we find a good notice of our proceedings of 1890, in which Bro. Walkem's address receives flattering mention. In his review of Pennsylvania, Bro. Wilder says:—

"Brother Vaux is from principle, or because his Grand Lodge so holds—and as far as his review goes it matters not—a believer in the perfect youth. We are not; and so far as that goes, we never remember of seeing one, consequently we are not. He thinks our one-eyed man is not near enough perfect to become a Mason. We believe that when we find a perfect youth, that he is altogether too good for this world, and that the 'Good Father' takes him home. His similarity between a perfect man and a perfect law is far-fetched, and not a comparison at all. God's law is eternal; man is not eternal in his present abode. God made it so, and He made 'the law' that 'the moment we begin to live, that moment also we begin to die.' Hence it is that man is not perfect. Following this reasoning, who is to be the judge of his perfection when he becomes of that necessary age to join in the ranks of our noble fraternity?"

Lodges, 34; members, 1,594; increase, 104.

John F. Selby (Hillsboro'), G.M.

Thomas J. Wilder (Casselton), G.S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

26th Communication, Yarmouth, June 10th, 1891.

Charles J. Macdonald, G.M.

His official acts were few. Not a cloud, ever so small, has arisen to mar the harmony which should always exist among Masons. He authorized the formation of a new lodge at Louisburg, in the county of Cape Breton. He refused permission to a lodge to hold a pic-nic and walk in procession, where they proposed to ask other societies to join with them. More work has been done than for years past.

After an interesting discussion, the following motion was adopted by a large majority:—

"That the second paragraph of Section 5, Chapter 1, be amended by striking out all that part which provides for the payment by Grand Lodge of the expenses of one representative of each Subordinate Lodge attending Grand Lodge Communications."

The new Grand Lodges of Tasmania, New Zealand, and South Australia were recognized.

Bro. David Neish Reports on Correspondence. In his notice of Canada, for 1890, he says:—

"The Jurisdiction possesses an admirable staff of D. D. G. Masters, whose elaborate reports show good and faithful work done in thoroughly Masonic spirit. There are 17 of these model officers. They made conscientious visits to the lodges, not doing out two-minute fractions of time in conning over a few figures in school-boy fashion, as we too often seen them do, but putting forth all their energies in behalf of the Craft; and consulting their consciences instead of their stomachs in the performance of their duties." * * *

* * * "It is not surprising, however, that the Grand Lodge of Canada has such efficient District Deputy Grand Masters, since these honorable officials are nominated by the representatives of the several lodges, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Let other Grand Lodges take notice, and govern themselves accordingly. This system is a grand protection to the Grand Master."

Lodges, 62; members, 2,904; increase, 84.

Charles J. Macdonald (Halifax), G.M.

William Ross (Halifax), G.S.

OHIO.

82nd Communication, Columbus, October 21st, 1891.

Levi C. Goodale, G.M.

He reports five new lodges. His attention was called to two instances where lodges had incorporated under the State Law. In each instance, upon his presenting the case properly before these bodies, the Articles of Corporation were surrendered. More than 300 questions were proposed to him for decision. We copy three of those reported :—

"3. In answer to an enquiry as to which organization shall confer charity upon a sick Mason who is a member of a chartered lodge and a member of a lodge under Dispensation, the one to which he pays dues or the one under Dispensation : *Held, the one to which he pays dues.* The obligation resting upon the lodge under Dispensation is a moral one only. The Brother continues to pay dues to his old Lodge, and it in turn is bound for any financial help which may be properly accorded to him.

"4. Two candidates were elected to receive the E. A. Degree. Afterwards, these men concluded they did not want the degree, and demanded the return of the fees :

Held, That inasmuch as these candidates came of their own accord, they should be permitted to return, and have their money returned to them, as no work was done upon them. * * *

"5. A Master of a lodge says that one of his members is in good circumstances, yet his family demand that nurses be furnished by the Lodge, and asks my opinion :

Held, The subject of your visitation, you say, possesses means, but does not provide a nurse. He has two daughters, and these permit you to send a nurse. This arises, no doubt, from a lack of knowledge of the duties of Masons rather than from a lack of affection for their father. It is not an uncommon idea that Masons must provide nurses under all circumstances. This is a fallacy. All Masonic relief is voluntary."

The Grand Master arrested the Charter of New England Lodge, No. 4, of Worthington, for disloyal and rebellious conduct. After recounting the proceedings which led up to his edict, Bro. Goodale says :—

"These disloyal men continued the work of soliciting members and conferring degrees, and at a later date promulgated a manifesto declaring themselves a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and still later organized a Lodge at Columbus and one at Newark, Ohio, from the Cerneau sympathizers in those localities. These lodges, I am informed, are engaged in soliciting membership and conferring degrees upon such.

"Fearing that a failure on my part to advise other Grand Jurisdictions of the action of these rebellious people might lead to their improper recognition, I advised each Grand Master and each Representative of this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, by sending out the following :

EDICT NO. 7.

"To the M. W. Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons throughout the World :

"GREETING :

"To the end that the fraternal intercourse and recognition that has heretofore existed between the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio and other M. W. Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons throughout the world may continue without misunderstanding, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the fact that Representatives from three or four extinct lodges in this Jurisdiction, whose Charters were forfeited by the Grand Lodge of Ohio because of their disloyalty and rebellion, have pretended to organize and set up at Worthington, in the State of Ohio, a so-called Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in violation of the landmarks of the Order, and of their duty as Masons, and in opposition to the M. W. Grand Lodge which has been in existence in this State for over eighty years.

"Were it not that this rebellious faction might attempt to mislead and impose upon the Craft in other Jurisdictions, it would be too insignificant for official attention :

"Fraternally yours,

"LEVI C. GOODALE, Grand Master."

"I append the replies and circular letters to their Craft, of several of the Grand Masters who received my circular of advice. The reception of this circular of advice was so cordial, and the result so demonstrative, that the promoters of Cerneauism at once realized that they had made a mistake.

"On September 12th a number of loyal members of New England Lodge convened in Stated Meeting of that Lodge. I had previously deputized Bro. S. Stacker Williams to preside ; but, owing to his unavoidable absence, I called to my assistance W. Bro. H.

W. Neereamer, who presided, and his report, which accompanies this, shows that a constitutional number were present, and that Horace W. Wright was elected W. Master and C. S. Fay was elected Secretary. Whereupon I have ordered that New England Lodge No. 4, Horace W. Wright, Worshipful Master, shall be restored to all the rights and privileges which belong to any other lodge working under authority of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"There is no question that this disloyalty, as well as what little has been discovered in other portions of the State, is immediately traceable to the machinations of men prominent in bogus Masonry, and the time has come when the interest of loyal Masons throughout this State, as well as throughout the world, demand of this Grand Lodge active measures towards suppressing Cerneauism, which seems to have proven an element of discord wherever it has obtained a foothold."

With a desire to familiarize himself with the condition and progress of the Order, the Grand Master sent a circular to each Master, asking answers to a series of questions. The replies were bound in book-form, and presented to the Grand Lodge. They give a clear and comprehensive idea of the work of the Order. He specifies some of the replies to one of the questions as under:—

"In answer to the question, 'What suggestion have you to make concerning the best method of occupying with profit the time of the lodge-meeting where 10 degrees are conferred?' I received a variety of suggestions, a few of which I give below. The suggestions were many, but largely embraced the topics given in the following:

1. The reading of good Masonic history.
2. Reading an essay upon some subject connected with Masonry.
3. Develop the talent for speaking and singing, so as to make such meetings interesting.
4. Practice work in conferring degrees.
5. Pay a fraternal visit to a Sister Lodge.
6. Reading the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and any other good Masonic literature.
7. Readings, lectures, music, and any other studies which will develop the mind and improve the character.
8. School of instruction.
9. Discussion of matters relating to the objects of Masonry.
10. Investigating into the condition of our poor and destitute members, and alleviating their necessities.
11. Discussing the business of the Lodge, and familiarizing ourselves with the business of the Grand Lodge.
12. Have some member prepare an intelligent lecture upon foreign travel, and listen to it.
13. Working for a Lodge library.
14. Readings or remarks by Brethren named by the Worshipful Master.
15. Musical and literary exercises, concluded by a light lunch.
16. Have a banquet.
17. Have a Committee on Entertainment, which shall furnish programme, and conduct a variety of lectures, readings, etc.
18. Taking the time to get acquainted.
19. Rehearsal of the Ritual.
20. Drilling in singing and other work."

On their proposed Masonic Home, he says:—

"The deed is accomplished. The Trustees have selected for the Home more than 150 acres of gently rolling land, surrounded by crystal streams of living water, and well shaded by forest-trees, all looking down smilingly upon the prosperous city of Springfield. In a few weeks more the sound of the trowel and hammer will be heard on this property, and there will slowly arise into a form of beauty a building which the Masons of Ohio will dedicate to the Craft as a place of shelter, rest, and refreshment.

"Under the skilful care of architect and gardener, the landscape will be improved, until this place, already beautiful by nature, will be transformed into a haven where the poor may find shelter and comfort. The lonely one, deprived by circumstance or death of relatives, may here find pleasant companionship, and even he upon whom Heaven has conferred an abundance may here find rest and recreation. Your Trustees will, at the proper time during this session, make report of their stewardship."

The following reports were adopted:—

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, having considered the report and finding of the Committee on Grievance in regard to certain Masons therein named having assumed to declare and resolve themselves into a Grand Lodge of Free Masons of the State of Ohio, and in view of the facts so found, your committee recommend for adoption the following:

"*Resolved*, That the several Brethren participating in the so-called Convention of Free Masons at Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio—to wit : Daniel W. Wright, J. F. Pinney, L. W. Drake, John J. Stoddard, Justice Pinney, S. S. Pinney, A. W. S. Hoffman, Seabury Pinney, J. R. Topping, Chas. H. Lander, Hiram C. Tipton, A. J. High, Geo. W. Didie, and Edward West—have, by their action in renouncing all allegiance to this Grand Lodge, and by attempting to form a Grand Lodge, with a view of ousting this Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction it has exercised without question since its organization in the year A. D. 1808, and under whose jurisdiction and authority said Brethren have been made Masons, are acts so flagrantly violative of all Masonic duty as to put them, and each of them, beyond the protection of this Grand Lodge ; and that they, and each of them, are hereby declared to have forfeited all right, privilege, and benefit of Masonry ; and they are hereby expelled from all rights, benefits, immunities, and privileges of Masonry, from this time forth." * * *

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have had under consideration so much of the report of the Grand Master as concerns the Ritual approved by the Grand Lodge, and the manner of preserving and communicating the same for the instruction of Masons in Ohio, and recommend the adoption of the following :

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to cause to be written a true copy of its said Ritual, and report the same to the Grand Master, who shall, when the same is approved by him, preserve the same in his office for the inspection and instruction of Masons of this Jurisdiction ; and that the same shall be preserved and transmitted by him to his successor in office for like use ; and that it shall be the duty of each Grand Master hereafter to deliver such written Ritual to his successor, to the end that the same may be perpetuated for the instruction of Masons within the State ; and that no Ritual, differing therefrom, shall hereafter be taught or communicated by the Lecturers appointed by the Grand Lodge ; and that all Masters of lodges within the State be required to cause the Work, Ritual, and Lectures used in and by their respective lodges to conform thereto."

Bro. W. M. Cunningham presents a capital Report on Correspondence. His review of our proceedings of 1890 is kindly and thorough. On the Ancient Ritualism, he says :—

"As to there having been no Ritualism prior to 1717, that is quite another matter ; and yet we would ask, What are the proofs to which our esteemed Brethren refer ? Only the statements of modern writers, eminent, doubtless, for scholarly work and indefatigable research ; but based largely, however, upon the absence of any authenticated printed Esoteric Rituals, previous to the period referred to, in an association by which all such were doubtless *prohibited*, and based even more largely, perhaps, upon the so-called expositions and pretended keys of later periods, many of them, too, of such illiterate composition as to carry their own refutation with them ; whilst upon the other hand we have the statements of Dr. Anderson and his contemporaries, written *over a century and a half* earlier, and in direct opposition to those of the modern writers referred to. In brief, because Dr. Anderson and others doubtless wrote many things for symbolic use, not intended for Masonic history in any other sense than typical instructions, is no reason or proof that that which is history, or from which legitimate Ritualistic ceremonies may be deduced, is untrue, or that their statements are disproven. And it will be time enough for 'Bros. Schultz, Drummond, Cunningham, and others of the same school' to furnish proof that Dr. Anderson and his compeers were truthful when there is any legitimate necessity therefor other than the *opinion* of modern writers to the contrary."

Lodges, 487 ; members, 35,603 ; increase, 763.

Levi C. Goodale (Cincinnati), G.M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G.S.

OREGON.

41st Communication, Portland, June 10th, 1891.

James F. Robinson, G.M.

The condition of the Craft is of the most satisfactory nature. All differences were settled in the spirit of fraternal consideration. Two new lodges were formed.

On the second day of the Session a lodge of sorrow was held by the Grand Lodge, at the same time that the funeral service was being performed, in Marshfield, over the remains of Past Grand Master Andrew Nasburg, and resolutions of respect and condolence were adopted.

The following resolution was passed :—

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has been greatly honored and highly gratified to greet two of its honored Past Grand Masters, ex-United States Senator Benjamin Stark and United States Senator J. N. Dolph, at i's present communication, and have been profited by their w'se counsels, and charmed by their eloquent remarks. We are rejoiced to see them in such vigorous health, albeit their heads are silvered o'er with gray. We cherish the hope that we may often enjoy their visits, and we offer the fervent prayer that their journey down the thither slope may be crowded, and their lives crowned with all the choice bl ssings which their zealous lives in Masonry and their good deeds deserve."

When United States Senators become Past Grand Masters, we cannot help but feel that there is some hope for the country yet. Albeit they do say that the ethical atmosphere of Washington is very deleterious to Western Constitutions. However, "a little leaven," &c.

It was also resolved :—

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapproves of the practice indulged in at times by brethren of the jurisdiction of distributing printed circulars among the lodges on matters of supposed or real grievance, and the same is hereby declared to be in contravention of the genuine princ'ples of Masonry, and in consequence nmasonic."

The Grand Lodge decided that a subordinate lodge may confer honorary membership upon a brother holding membership in a foreign jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and it covers nearly 200 pages. It is very ably written, and is exceedingly interesting. Canada, for 1890, receives very complimentary mention, and numerous extracts are given from our proceedings. We copy his Review of Foreign Grand Lodges :—

"We offer a brief reference to a few of them.

"GRAND LODGE LEAGUE OF GERMANY.

I. "Grand Lodge 'Three Globes,' at Berlin, with 121 subordinate lodges, has (Masters, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices included) a total number of 13,457 active members ; 229 benevolent institutions.

II. "Grand Lodge 'Grosse Landes Loge,' at Berlin, with 95 subordinate lodges, has 10,342 active members, as above ; 94 benevolent institutions.

III. "Grand Lodge 'Royal York,' at Berlin, with 64 subordinate lodges, has 6,218 active members, as above ; 79 benevolent institutions.

IV. "Grand Lodge of 'Hamburg,' with 34 subordinate lodges, has 3,328 active members ; 47 benevolent institutions.

V. "Grand Lodge of 'Saxony,' at Dresden, 20 subordinate lodges, has 3,675 active members (Master Masons, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices included) ; 72 benevolent institutions.

VI. "Grand Mother Lodge 'Eclectic Union,' at Frankfort-on-the-Main, with 14 subordinate lodges, has, 2,866 active members, as above ; 30 benevolent institutions.

VII. "Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' at Bayreuth, with 24 subordinate lodges, has 2,234 active members, as above ; 32 benevolent institutions.

VIII. "Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' at Darmstadt, with 8 subordinate lodges, has 804 active members, as above ; 25 benevolent institutions.

"We note in addition that the 5 independent lodges in Germany, of English origin, have a total membership (Master Masons, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices included) of 1403 members.

"GRAND LODGE 'ZU DEN DREI WELTKUGELN' (THREE GLOBES) AT BERLIN.

"The 'Three Globes' do not issue any official documents or protocols other than the ordinances, decrees, decisions and minutes of regular sessions published in the organ of the fraternity, the '*Bundesblatt*.' From the report of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North America we take the following :

"It is evident from all these communications that Freemasonry has found in America a good and fertile soil and produces fine fruits. If the public processions and parades be excepted, which are not consistent with our ideas and comprehensions of the Craft, the efficiency of the Order must be warmly and heartily acknowledged, and it must be conceded that Freemasonry in America has proved itself to be truly and efficiently productive of good Masonic results. The brethren in America not only practice benevolence and charity quietly and unostentatiously, but also efficiently by founding and supporting orphan asylums, schools, hospitals, etc., and so are enabled to prove by facts their teachings. For this reason Freemasonry in America is highly esteemed and respected even in profane circles, and invectives of fanatics find no sympathy. The great masses acknowledge the good Freemasonry has produced, and esteem and venerate its doings.

"There is a sketch of the visit of King Humbert of Italy, at Berlin, reporting the idea and design of the German Fraternity to honor Bro. F. Crispi (by a Masonic reception), the King's Minister-President, the prominent Italian patriot and Mason. The invitation was signed by Masons from all Germany assembled in Berlin. For want of time, Bro. F. Crispi sent his regrets and the following, which we take from his letter:

'German Freemasonry, whose task and aim is the peace and pacification of the world, can but sympathize with the king, my sovereign, who is now visiting your emperor for the united purpose of preventing war and its consequences.

"I pray to the Grand Architect of the Universe to give his aid to this holy work.

"Please accept, beloved and esteemed brethren, my sympathetic greeting.

"Truly and Masonically,

"(Signed)

F. CRISPI."

"A communication from the Cabinet of Emperor William II., dated Berlin, to the Royal York Grand Lodge was received, which read as follows:

"His Majesty, the Emperor and King, is in possession of an engraving (copper plate) which represents King Frederic the Great as a Freemason, in the year 1740, solemnly initiating, as alleged, the Duke of Holstein, in the Royal Palace at Charlottenburg. Considering the fidelity and attachment with which the Masonic Lodges of Prussia adhere to the House of Hohenzollern, His Majesty has resolved to present each Prussian lodge with a copy of this picture as a souvenir.

"By order, I have the honor to send a copy herewith to the Grand Lodge Royal York, and beg you respectfully to give me the number of subordinate lodges of your Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, to enable me to send the necessary copies for distribution.

"Yours, etc.,

"(Signed)

MIERNER,

"Corresponding Secretary."

"The Royal York Grand Lodge acknowledged the receipt with thanks, and nominated sixty-five subordinate lodges, who with the other Prussian lodges then received their copies.

"The illustration, 'Frederic the Great as a Freemason,' was painted by G. W. Hoffman, and engraved by Geyser. The lodge at Ulm (Wurtemberg) came into possession of the original picture several years ago, a donation of an old member, etc.

"ECLECTIC GRAND LODGE AT FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE."

"The elaborate address of the Grand Master was in the main a very clear-minded exposition, rich in spirit, of the principles of the 'Eclectic Grand Lodge,' which have been practised so many years; namely, the uninterrupted exercise of the principles of real and true humanity, as taught in the highest commandment for the moral destiny and management of the world, which is, 'Love the Lord with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.' 'These words,' continued the Grand Master, 'comprise the most important principle of the 'Eclectic Union,' inherent from its foundation in 1742, and continued throughout the closing years of the nineteenth century.' Grand Master Knoblauch also expressed the conviction, acquired and gained during a Masonic career of forty-two years, that the aim and object of Masonry for a Grand Lodge Jurisdiction must be exclusively in the direction of the teachings of old English Freemasonry, viz.: the three symbolic degrees, and not the so-called High Degrees or degrees of a sectarian doctrine.

"GRAND ORIENT OF THE NETHERLANDS."

"In this jurisdiction there are eighty-nine subordinate lodges, of which 50 are (with about 3,000 members) in Europe, 26 in Africa, 13 in the other Dutch colonies (about 4,278 brethren). Particulars referring to inner government and regulations can be found in our report for 1888.

"GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY."

"A characteristic instance of the condition and standing of Freemasonry, as compared with the Catholic hierarchy, in Hungary, is reported in a Leipzig weekly periodical: The Catholic congregations at 'Pressburg' adopted a resolution expelling all members who are Freemasons, and prohibiting and excluding all Freemasons from their organizations. An appeal was taken from their decision to the Cardinal, and Prince Primas Simor, and this highest clerical authority in Hungary sustained the appeal and invalidated the measure.

"A NEW GRAND LODGE IN SPAIN."

"If population and all other conditions are taken in consideration, there is no country where so many Grand Bodies exist as in Spain. Besides the 'United Grand Orient of Lusitania,' at Lisbon, which has subordinate lodges not only in Portugal, but also in Spain, there exist in Spain, in 1889, 'eight' Grand Bodies, and 'The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain' (Gran Logia Simbólica Espania) being recently added as the ninth. This Grand Lodge was founded February 24, 1889, was legally recognized by the Spanish government, March 15th, 1889, and constituted on the 16th March of same year. The Grand Master of this new Grand Lodge is Bro. Richardo Lopez Sallaberry."

"ARABIAN FREEMASONRY."

"Bro. Ciprian Kuerevoski describes in an Egyptian newspaper his visit to an Arabian

Masonic lodge as follows : 'The lodge has over fifty active members. The Arabian language is generally used, as also in all official and other correspondence. If the visiting Grand Master, when presiding at the lodge, is not familiar with the Arabic tongue, it is permitted to use the French language; in this case the officers are replaced by European brethren. The Temple is richly ornamented in Oriental style; the Chair in the East is a little higher, and five steps guide to it. The rear of the Chair in the East is painted blue and adorned with stars; also the moon in silver and the sun in gold are seen. Over the seat of the Master is a canopy of velvet with gilt fringes. In the midst of the Temple is the Altar with the Constitution: in the west, right and left, are the seats of the Wardens, as in French lodges. The apron is white, with a green triangle. The Master and the officers wear a green sash across the breast. The pass-word, the sign, the examination for admission, etc., is the same as in lodges of the Scotch Rite.'

"BRAZIL.

"The head of the provisory regency, Marshal de Fonseca, a Mason of long and prominent standing, has been elected Grand Master of the Jurisdiction, vice Bro. L.A.V. de Silva, resigned. The Grand Orient of Brazil at Rio Janeiro, with thirty-six subordinate lodges in the capital, and one hundred and four in the provinces.

"EGYPT.

"We have received a copy of the Universal Masonic Annual, printed at Alexandria, Egypt, for 1889 and 1890. It contains 884 pages, and a reference to quite every Masonic Grand Lodge of Orient in the Masonic world. It gives the names and address of the officers. Oregon has its proper place in the Proceedings. For general information it is a valuable work, or for aid to a Mason who is on a journey over the world. 'Grande Oriente D'Egitto.'

"F. F. Oddi 33° Il Grand Master.

"R.W. De Nichichievich, 33°, Grand Secretary, Alexandria."

Lodges, 85; members, 3,918; increase, 243.

Brenham Van Dusen (Astoria), G.M.

S. F. Chadwick (Salem), G.S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Annual Communication, Philadelphia, December 28th, 1891.

J. Simpson Africa, G.M.

Five new lodges were formed, and two lodges, Nos. 51 and 52, each celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of their formation. We copy a few of the decisions of the Grand Master:—

"There is no regulation in this jurisdiction by which a member of any particular religious denomination can be debarred from initiation and membership.

"To provide a banquet is within the powers of a lodge; but when such an entertainment is given, it can be participated in by Masons only. The profane must be excluded.

"An appropriation to pay for a Masonic banquet can be made by a majority vote at a stated meeting of a lodge.

"The East in a lodge-room need not conform precisely to that point of the compass. In erecting a Masonic Hall, where the situation admits of it, the station of the Worshipful Master should be placed at the eastern end of the room.

"The Worshipful Master of a lodge can call upon any competent brother to confer any of the degrees—he being present in the lodge.

"What the Worshipful Master does by another he does himself, and he is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the proper exercise of the privilege."

The debt on their temple is now \$713,569.68, and it does not appear to frighten them at all:—

"By a continuance of the prudent management of the revenues of the Grand Lodge, it can, if favored with the same degree of prosperity it has enjoyed for the past decade, in a very few years, reduce the net debt to five hundred thousand dollars, when, by force of the amendments to the Ahiman Rezon adopted at the time the debt was created, the fees and dues will be reduced to what they were in 1871.

"The Craft in Pennsylvania owns the most magnificent Temple in the world devoted exclusively to Masonry. The debt thereon is gradually melting away, and all our efforts should be directed towards its final extinguishment. Indeed, the pledge given by the Grand Lodge, when the erection of the Temple was undertaken and the debt made necessary, makes it obligatory on us to do so."

Bro. Richard Vaux Reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1891, receives a full share of his attention.

Lodges, 395 ; members, 42,412 ; increase, 1,211.

J. Simpson Africa (Philadelphia), G.M.

Michael Nisbet (Philadelphia), G.S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

16th Communication, Charlottetown, June 24th, 1891.

John W. Morrison, G.M.

His address contains the following bit of history :—

"Brethren, you are aware that this Grand Lodge was organized on the 24th June, 1875, and that we have no account on the records of the first lodge chartered in this Province. I think it advisable to do so on this occasion. On the 9th day of October, 1797, Saint John's Lodge, now No. 1 in this jurisdiction, received a charter or warrant from the English Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, under No. 26, subsequently from the Grand Lodge of England. The then Governor of this Island, General Edmund Fanning, being a charter member ; at that time this Province was called Saint John's Island, and in consequence of many mistakes of letters and merchandise addressed to persons in the Island by being carried through mistake to Saint John's, Newfoundland, or Saint John, New Brunswick, or Saint John's on the Labrador Coast, or elsewhere, by Act of Parliament the name was changed to that of Prince Edward Island on the 20th day of November, 1798, and received the Royal allowance February 1st, 1799, in grateful remembrance of that peculiarly auspicious and happy period when this Island was under the command of Lieutenant-General His Royal Highness Prince Edward Duke of Kent, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces in Nova Scotia, Island Saint John, Cape Breton and Newfoundland, and the father of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

"We also feel pleased to note the fact that the Prince was a distinguished Mason, and took a deep interest in the prosperity of the Craft. Saint John's Lodge is now nearly a century old, is one of our most prosperous lodges, and without a link being missing has come down to the present time, through the Anti-Masonic persecution of 1826 to 1836, when many lodges on this continent went down. When I had the privilege of being made a Mason, now nearly half a century ago, Saint John's Lodge was only recovering from that vile persecution. The total number of affiliated Masons then on the Island being some eighteen, and the funds in a low condition. For sixty years (save a few years of the existence of Sussex Lodge), Saint John's Lodge was the only lodge on the Island, Victoria, No. 2, being organized in 1857."

All the lodges were visited by some Grand Officer. Harmony prevails.

Lodges, 12 ; members, 509 ; increase, 4.

Donald Darrach (Kensington), G.M.

B. Wilson Higgs (Charlottetown), G.S.

QUEBEC.

21st Communication, Montreal, January 28th, 1891.

Isaac H. Stearns, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master proves him to have been an able and efficient officer. He visited a number of the lodges, opened a new lodge at Lachine, and consecrated others at Hemmingford and Buckingham. In Zetland he met our "ever popular" Grand Secretary, and accorded him a hearty welcome. He mentions the deaths of McLeod Moore and J. A. Henderson, with expressions of deep sympathy. He earnestly requests the members to assist in procuring the necessary material for a History of Freemasonry in Quebec from the earliest times, the compilation of which has been undertaken by Past Grand Master Graham. On some other subjects, Bro. Stearns says :—

"AMALGAMATION.

"Mount Royal Lodge, No. 32, and Montarville, No. 58, were formally amalgamated on the 21st November last, the new lodge retaining Mount Royal's charter, name and number. I have no doubt but that much good will result from this union, and I am sure that if other lodges, especially in the city of Montreal, would follow this excellent example, it would be highly beneficial to the Craft in this jurisdiction. A smaller number of strong and healthy lodges is certainly to be preferred to a larger number with very limited membership ; and I fear that in some cases a too large number of lodges induces an undue desire for increase of members, which is fraught with

various ills, and, no doubt, retards the prosperity of the Order in many ways; and I desire to urge upon the brethren the necessity of giving this matter their serious consideration, with a view of consolidating the lodges in this city.

"STATE OF MASONRY IN THE PROVINCE,

"It affords me great pleasure to be able to inform you that peace and harmony prevail in a marked degree among the lodges within our jurisdiction. So far as I am aware, not a single event has transpired during the past year to disturb that good feeling which should always exist amongst Masons. An increase of interest and zeal has been manifest among the workman in all parts of the Temple, and increased prosperity may be justly anticipated.

"Our finances are in a satisfactory condition; and I have much pleasure in calling your attention to the steady and continuous increase in our funds, as will appear by the report of our efficient and trustworthy Grand Treasurer, which will be submitted for your inspection during the present session."

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

"Our relations with the sister Grand Lodges, I am happy to state, are of the most friendly character, and I trust the universal harmony now existing may be long continued. The report on Foreign Correspondence will be presented by R. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Chairman of that Committee, and from the able and satisfactory manner in which our worthy brother has discharged these laborious duties for the past four years, I have no doubt that it will, as usual, be found replete with useful information. In reference to this subject, I feel it my duty to urge upon the brethren the importance of carefully reading these reports. No intelligent Mason can afford to be without the valuable information therein contained. They constitute an important collection of Masonic news from all parts of the world, consisting of Masonic law and lore, facts and opinions, worthy of your attention and consideration, which it is almost impossible to obtain from any other source, and every true Craftsman should embrace the opportunity thus afforded him of obtaining wider and more correct views of the extent, power and usefulness of our time-honored institution."

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

"Matters between England and Quebec have not changed since our last Communication. M. W. Bro. Walkem, who undertook two years ago to mediate between the two bodies, has conferred personally both in England and with the English lodges in this city, and seems hopeful of ultimate success. In the last letter I received from him he says:

"I must ask you to allow matters to remain in their present condition, in order to give me an opportunity of doing what I consider expedient. Our brethren of Quebec must not be impatient if the settlement of the matter, which I trust will ultimately be accomplished, occupies some time."

"It rests with you, brethren, to say whether the present state of affairs shall continue. M. W. Bro. Walkem, of course, is neither counsel for Quebec nor England; and we cannot call upon him to disclose his plans until he is ready to do so, and when formulated, it is then time to consider whether they are acceptable to this Grand Lodge or not."

Bro. Stearns winds up his very excellent address by again putting on record, in eloquent language, his views advocating the desirability of establishing a Masonic Home.

In the district of Quebec and Three Rivers, it is the proud boast of the brethren that they all assemble in their own halls, save one lodge, who lease a hall from one of their own members, who had erected it for that purpose.

When Sorel was a garrison town, they had a flourishing lodge there, but of late years the English-speaking people have been rapidly diminishing, and the population, being almost entirely Roman Catholic, are adverse to Freemasonry. Under these circumstances, and there being only five members left, they had to surrender their warrant. It is hard for Masonry to flourish where Romanism prevails.

An eloquent discourse was delivered in the Grand Lodge by the Grand Chaplain, W. P. Chambers. He received a vote of thanks from Grand Lodge, and the compliment of the publication of his address in the proceedings.

From the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry, we make the following extracts:—

"It is our pleasing duty to congratulate Grand Lodge on the marked measure of success and prosperity that the Craft has enjoyed in the jurisdiction during the past

year. The lodges appear to be doing good work, and are presided over by competent and well skilled officers. Our membership shows an increase, especially gratifying in view of the fact that the names of three lodges have been removed from the roll and their warrants cancelled. Our funds show a steady and continuous improvement, and peace and harmony prevail in our midst.

"From official reports we note with pleasure the many virtues paid by Grand Lodge officers to the various lodges, and do not doubt but much of our enthusiasm is attributable to this cause. They cannot fail to be productive of good; and for proof that they are fully appreciated by the members of the Craft, it is only necessary to point to the loyal and hearty reception accorded to such Grand Lodge officials, as instanced in documents before us.

"The harmonious and friendly character of our relation with Sister Grand Bodies is pleasing to contemplate, and we anticipate with great pleasure the report on foreign correspondence, from the hands of our R. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, who has so ably and satisfactorily conducted this department for the past four years. We fully endorse the Grand Master's remarks regarding the usefulness of these reports, and the valuable information to be gathered therefrom, and trust the brethren will avail themselves of the facilities they are thereby offered."

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

"While we cannot at this time but feel disappointed that so little definite information can be laid before us, in regard to mediation with England, by M. W. Bro. Walkem, yet we can understand that diplomatic reasons may require such information to be withheld, in the best interests of the Craft, and we suggest that every opportunity should be offered our respected mediator in his self-imposed task, and can only trust that his hopes of ultimate success will be realized, and that he will be enabled to bring the matter to a happy solution, and thereby render himself entitled to the gratitude of the Masonic world." * * *

MASONIC HOME.

"The desirability of establishing a Masonic Home in this jurisdiction we feel sure must recommend itself to all, and we trust present session of Grand Lodge will see steps taken to supplement the advance already made in this direction, not only by an ordinance encouraging or exacting a systematic giving on the part of lodges, but also by an effort appealing to those in our midst, who are blessed with a fair abundance of worldly goods, to give as they are able to such a worthy object. There are, perhaps, many brethren among us who could, without detriment to their heirs, devote a line or two in their wills to the furtherance of this scheme."

A large number of amendments were made to the Constitution, one being that in the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside, and not the senior Past Grand Master.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"That as many important documents and other relics relating to Freemasonry in this jurisdiction are now in possession of private lodges and members of such private lodges, which they are desirous of transferring to the custody of this Grand Lodge, the subject of the receipt of such documents, etc., their future care and control—be and is hereby referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry, to take the subject into consideration, and report thereon to Grand Lodge at the very earliest opportunity. And the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized, in the meantime, to receive and take care of all such documents and relics, until the action of Grand Lodge be determined in the matter." * * *

"That this Grand Lodge subscribe the sum of four hundred dollars for two hundred copies of 'The History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec,' which, at the general request of the Craft in this Province, has been undertaken by M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, P.G.M., the said two hundred copies to be sent to the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge and the representatives of this Grand Lodge at such Grand Lodges, and that said sum be placed in the hands of the M. W. the Grand Master, so that the same may be used in such manner as he may see fit, in order to aid and assist in the work of compiling and publishing said history."

A proposition to add another fifty cents *per capita* for "home" and benevolent purposes was referred to a Special Committee to report at the next meeting.

Canada, for 1890, receives very favorable notice at the hands of Bro. Chambers.

1892.

22nd Communication, Montreal, January 27th, 1892.

Frank Edgar, G.M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:—

"I have not before me the detailed reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, but from what I have learned I am able to state that a substantial increase in the membership of our Order and a continued satisfactory condition of our finances justify the belief that Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec, despite many adverse circumstances, maintains its position both in numbers and influence.

"The Grand Lodge will be pleased to learn that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Masonic jurisdiction, and that the most cordial relations, becoming every day more intimate by association and visitations, exist between our brethren in the several districts. I have learned during the past year of many visits of deputations from the city lodges to their brethren in the country districts, and I am assured that any invitations to visit country lodges will be welcomed by the city brethren, while visitors from other districts are always assured of a hearty reception whenever they visit any of our city lodges. Such association, while in keeping with our usages and customs, is productive of these kindly feelings which should always exist among Freemasons. Visits by deputations from lodges to other lodges in their own or other districts, should be encouraged in every way, and I hope will receive the hearty support of every officer and brother of this Grand Lodge.

"I will only refer, brethren, to the matter of the slight disturbing element in our jurisdiction which caused so much discussion at some previous communications of this Grand Lodge, to state that it has not been heard of during my term of office. If there still exists in this Province, any Masons working under any other authority than that of this Grand Lodge, such bodies have not come officially before my notice, and they must be too insignificant in numbers and influence to merit our attention.

This Grand Lodge has now done all that its duty to the Craft at large can require in its endeavors to extend to every Mason in this jurisdiction the advantages and privileges of membership with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and if any brethren have failed to avail themselves of this privilege, so freely extended, they must take the responsibility of their action."

New Zealand was recognized. Cuba and Mexico were held over.

In his Review of Canada for 1891, Bro. E. T. D. Chambers has the following:—

"M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson presided, and delivered one of the most eloquent addresses that proceeded from the Grand East of an American Grand Lodge in 1891. It is marked by literary and Masonic erudition, by delicacy of feeling and strength of purpose, by commendable zeal and superiority of judgment and tact."

We also copy some of his very excellent remarks on "the Masonic outlook."

"It is not without surprise and satisfaction that we observe a few rifts in the dark clouds of ultramontane illiberality that have so long hovered over the Latin nations of Europe. In Spain and in Hungary there have recently occurred instances of liberality towards Freemasonry, which trifling as they are, would be no more tolerated in the Province of Quebec to-day, than would a national revolution, and probably not nearly so readily. The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Spain, founded February 24th, 1889, was legally recognized by the Spanish Government, March 1th, 1889. The Catholic congregations at Pressburg, Hungary, adopted a resolution expelling all members who are Freemasons, and prohibiting and excluding all Freemasons from their organization. An appeal was taken from their decision to the Cardinal and Prince-Primas Simer, and this highest clerical authority in Hungary refused the appeal and invalidated the measure.

"We notice in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin, a sketch of the visit of King Humbert, of Italy, and reference to the design of the German Fraternity to honor Brother F. Crispi, the King's Minister-President, the prominent Italian patriot and Mason, by a Masonic reception. The invitation was signed by Masons from all Germany, assembled in Berlin. For want of time Brother F. Crispi sent his regrets in a letter from which we take the following:

"German Freemasonry, whose task and aim is the peace and the pacification of the world, can but sympathize with the King, my sovereign, who is now visiting your Emperor for the united purpose of preventing war and its consequences. I pray to the Grand Architect of the Universe to give His aid in this holy work."

"From which it is evident that Brother Crispi, who is a statesman as well as a Freemason, has conceived a clearer and better idea of the task and aim of Masonry than Brother Littlejohn of Wisconsin, who holds that our system needs, to-day, some grand object for which the Masons of the world can unitedly labor, and suggests the exertion of Masonic influence for the adoption of some plan for the settlement of national questions without resort to war. Brother Crispi's reference, it may be guessed, is solely to German Freemasonry. But the Freemasonry of Germany makes no direct effort to influence statesmanship in its method of settling national disputes, any more than the Freemasonry of America does. True to the traditions of the Fathers, and following in the ways in which they walked, its task and aim is the peace and pacification of the

world by means of its oral, symbolical and practical teaching of the brotherhood of man, and of the consequent duty of all men to love as brethren. If this be true of Masonry in Germany, where all ranks of society are permeated with a love of martial display, and with a belief that war may be best avoided by maintaining a condition of constant preparation for it, what larger measure of success may not be anticipated of from the moral teachings of our Order, in communities where the peaceful triumphs of art and science are more highly prized than the display of martial skill and prowess, and where a standing army is regarded rather as a necessary evil, than a source of national pride, or an illustration of national strength? Masonry, whether American or European, is doing its appointed work, in its own appointed way, and what it needs is not any new object for which the Masons of the world can unitedly labor, but more zeal, more earnestness in the objects that have always been its own, less weariness in well-doing, a more faithful observance of its precepts and teachings, and above all, a personal illustration of its great truths in the life and conduct of every one of its individual members. Thus, and thus alone, may we secure the permanency of our beloved Institution. We frequently plume ourselves upon the belief that Masonry, having endured through all preceding ages, is bound to survive through those that are yet for to come. So there are those, who professing a firm faith in the principle of the survival of the fittest, act as though they were convinced that everything that is fit will survive, and may be left to the slow evolution of circumstances."

Lodges, 56; members, 3,141; increase, 81.

Frank Edgar (Montreal), G.M.

John H. Isaacson (Montreal), G.S.

RHODE ISLAND.

101st Communication, Providence, May 18th, 1891.

George H. Kenyon, G.M.

The past year has been one of prosperity and unity among the Craft. Harmony and the true spirit of fraternity seem to prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

The following report was adopted, and the sum of \$200 voted to continue the reprint:—

"The Standing Committee on Reprint of Early Proceedings would respectfully report that they have been unable to complete the second instalment of Volume II. by reason of the great difficulty of gaining such information as they desire, the book is now dealing with that period of time in the midst of the Anti-Masonic excitement and the records are very meagre. We hope to complete that portion in hand in the course of three months, and respectfully ask for the usual appropriation of \$200 that we may continue the work during the coming year."

At a semi-annual meeting, the following constitutional amendment was adopted:

"*Provided*, That the jurisdiction of the several Subordinate Lodges shall remain as it is now established by the General Regulations of this Grand Lodge, until the same shall be changed by Grand Lodge; and *provided further*, that no change shall be made in the jurisdiction of the several Subordinate Lodges, unless a notice in writing shall be sent by the Grand Secretary to each lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected thereby, at least sixty days previous to the Communication of the Grand Lodge, at which action is to be taken, and also that notice of said proposed change of jurisdiction be given in the warrant calling the said Communication, nor without the consent of the lodge whose jurisdiction is affected."

The Centennial Anniversary was celebrated on June 24th, 1891, with appropriate ceremonies, and a medal was struck in honor of the event. A complimentary reception was tendered to the Grand Master, at which over 3,000 brethren and ladies were present. The other ceremonies included a large procession, musical and devotional services, and historical addresses, winding up with a grand banquet. The expenses were defrayed by voluntary subscriptions from the Craft throughout the State.

Lodges, 37; members, 4,177; increase, 186.

George H. Kenyon (Providence), G.M.

Edwin Baker (Providence), G.S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

115th Communication, Charleston, December 8th, 1891.

Laurie T. Izlar, G.M.

Throughout this jurisdiction Freemasonry is marching onward. They are increasing in numbers, and there is a manifest desire to uphold and make prominent the true principles and teachings of the Order. Two new lodges were formed, and six others revived.

The Special Committee on Masonic Orphanage reported adversely to any action at present, and their report was adopted.

A proposal to put Past Grand Masters on the pay roll, the same as representatives, was indefinitely postponed.

The new Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

In one of the Reports of the District Deputies, we find the following paragraph :—

"I am convinced that the welfare of the Craft would be promoted by abolishing the office of District Deputy Grand Masters, and providing instead the old office of Grand Lecturer, with a sufficient salary to enable him to devote his entire time to visiting and instructing the Craft. I believe it impossible to secure intelligent and well informed District Deputy Grand Masters who can spare the time to properly visit and instruct their lodges. Again, it cannot be denied that, under the present system, there is a fast growing lack of uniformity in the work."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported in favor of abolishing the office of District Deputy Grand Master, "as the many years of experience under this system has taught us that the ends sought have not been attained." This report, and a scheme to have a Grand Lecturer in place of the District Deputies, was received as a notice of motion for next Grand Lodge.

In his Report on Correspondence, the Grand Secretary says that the Address of Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, in 1891, "is full of interesting matter and sound advice to the Craft."

Lodges, 184 ; members, 4,944.

William T. Branch (Abbeville), G.M.

Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

17th Communication, Watertown, June 6th, 1891.

Theodore D. Kanouse, G.M.

There were no special changes in their lodges or membership. Almost all of the lodges are in a reasonably prosperous condition. On the exclusiveness of Masonry, Bro. Kanouse says :—

"The only cause for alarm which I can observe from a careful survey of our field, is that from the 'habit' of many benevolent and fraternal organizations existing in the midst of almost every community, and with which many of us have become allied, we may forget the distinguishing feature of our ancient order, and in staking increase in lodges and membership for real prosperity, begin, unwittingly, a recruiting crusade. Let us never forget that a man who has not first become a Mason in his heart, though he may tower above his fellows in wealth and influence, is not a suitable stone for the Builder's use.

"When the heart of man has first conceived a regard for our ancient fraternity, until by it he is induced to ask admission through our portals into our chambers, where light shall reveal to him that 'the half has never been told' it is time to lend a listening ear and a helping hand. We need to be told over and over again that Masonry never solicits recruits. They must come if they ever enter our fraternal precincts, or entering, prove themselves worthy of so high honor. We all owe much to the institution of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry, but the institution owes us, much less 'profanes'—absolutely nothing.

"It may require, doubtless does require, a good deal of cool self possession to live amongst the rushing, growing, advertising fraternities of modern times, and not drink in the same spirit, and allow it to exhibit itself in our Masonic (un-Masonic) practices.

"Let me quote again, from one of our first Masonic authors, a sentiment which I wish was emblazoned upon the palm of the Right Hand of every Master Mason, viz.: 'Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry was originally intended for the *few*, whose intelligence was such as would enable them to appreciate its beauties, and whose morals were such as would enable them to exemplify its virtues.' The work of reformation is a grand one, and we owe it to ourselves to be in the front ranks of those who are striving to raise the fallen, and to cheer the faint. But ours is not a reformatory institution. It is rather a clustering of men about a magnet (Masonry) who were *en rapport* with it, prior to entering its doors. Though not another Mason should ever be made, we should guard our doors securely against those who seek to wear our badges for mercenary purposes, and whose daily lives of debauchery, profanity and vulgarity, give the lie to their professions of faith in the tenets of our Craft.

"Who wears the Square upon his breast,
Does in the eye of God attest
And in the face of man,
That all his actions will compare
With the divine, the unerring Square,
That squares great virtue's plan;
And he erects his edifice,
By *this* design, and *this*, and *this*."

Four new lodges were organized. The Grand Secretary suggests that all Past Grand Officers should furnish the Grand Secretariat with a cabinet photograph, to be kept in a Grand Lodge album, which would result in a valuable collection in the future.

The Grand Lecturer visited twenty lodges, at which eight others were represented, and he reports that their progress in the esoteric work was entirely satisfactory, although in some cases the want of funds prevented lodges from having these schools of instruction.

A committee was appointed to codify the laws and decisions.

From the Report of the Committee on the Address, we make the following extracts:—

"We do most emphatically commend to the Craft that portion of the Grand Master's address, which discourages the practice of admitting those who are striving to convert the means of the Order to mercenary purposes, and whose daily examples of vice and evil-doing subject our Order to the bitterest outside criticisms, and we do cordially approve that portion of his address, in which he calls attention to our becoming allied to other societies, and cautions us not to forget our connections with Masonry or to make of it 'A recruiting crusade,' and recommended these words of his, so replete with Masonic wisdom, so full of the higher laws of our beloved institution, to the most earnest attention of the brethren of this Masonic jurisdiction. * * *

The beautiful life size picture of our late Past Grand Master, George H. Hand, presented to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary, as a token of his personal esteem for the deceased, should be received with sincere thanks by this Grand Lodge.

"The album to contain the pictures of the Past Grand Officers, mentioned by the Grand Secretary, should be purchased, and we recommend that he be instructed to procure one, and endeavor to obtain the pictures of all Past Grand Officers.

"We congratulate this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary and the officers of all Subordinate Lodges, that for six (6) consecutive years, reports have been received from all Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction, and with pleasure we refer to so commendable a record."

The following Report of the Committee on Ritual was adopted:—

"We are in favor of the present system of teaching the esoteric work, and firmly believe the Grand Lecturer's method is a correct and the only true way to arrive at a uniformity of ritual work among our lodges, and regret that so many of the lodges of this jurisdiction were unable to avail themselves of these schools of instruction during the year past.

"We believe and recommend that the Grand Lecturer be paid by the Grand Lodge, thus enabling him to visit all the lodges in the jurisdiction, whether they are able to stand the expense of schools or not.

"The necessity for a uniformity of work must be apparent to all, and with this object in view we again earnestly recommend the Grand Lodge to appropriate at least \$500 the coming year to the Grand Lecturer as his salary and expenses, and that he be required to visit at least thirty lodges, giving two days school to each.

"We believe in this manner that all the lodges in the jurisdiction could have a school once in every two years.

"We have carefully examined the Masonic Funeral Service prepared by your committee, and are of the opinion that it fills a long felt want, and recommend that it be adopted by our Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized, but New Zealand was declined.

Bro. Wm. Blatt Reports on Correspondence. In his review of Canada for 1890, he says :—

"An amendment is proposed, that the business of a lodge should be conducted by M. M's. only, and in that degree. While the vast majority of nearly all Grand Lodges have long since adopted this regulation, we have ever deemed said change an innovation ever to be regretted, and one which has almost overthrown what we deem a cardinal principle of the institution, to wit: That an E. A. is to all intents and purposes a Mason."

Bro. Blatt believes that a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues should not be placed in the same category as one suspended or expelled for unmaasonic conduct; that an affirmation is as binding as an oath; that no affiliation fee should be charged; that the Past Master's Degree should be abolished; that a Past Master from an outside jurisdiction should be competent to act as installing officer in any lodge; that a corner-stone must not necessarily be laid in the geographical north-east corner; that a brother made in a lodge becomes *ipso facto* a member thereof, whether he signs the by-laws or not, and that the esoteric work should not be reduced to cypher and promiscuously distributed; in all of which we are happy to be able to agree with him.

On Masonic charity, he well says :—

"We not only fully agree with this but think it about time that a lodge and the fraternity at large should learn and practice the principle of *Masonic* charity. By *Masonic* charity we mean an interpretation of that broadest of words in its broadest, most disinterested, most liberal sense. In short have it interpreted in a sense measured only by the necessity of the recipient without even a thought of reimbursement. A Mason in need or distress is the direct charge of the *Masonic* community in which he may become so regardless of where he may be affiliated. We have borrowed, probably learned too much from other benevolent societies, in this matter, societies whose benefits (not charity), are obligatory and must be paid 'à la carte.' *Masonic* charity is not of that order."

Lodges, 78; members, 3,505; increase, 119.

George A. Johnston (Mitchell), G.M.

Charles T. McCoy (Aberdeen), G.L.

TENNESSEE.

78th Communication, Nashville, January 27th, 1892.

William S. Smith, G.M.

The Grand Master very properly condemns an innovation in the manner of conducting the funeral ceremonies :—

"There is within this jurisdiction being practised a funeral service which I consider to be an 'innovation in the body of Masonry' and of recent date, and Subordinate Lodges are taking part therein. Against this I enter my solemn protest. It should not be tolerated in this jurisdiction.

"It is the practice at some places for the Commandery to take charge of the body of a deceased Brother, and consign the same with another and different service from the one laid down in our Text Book, Subordinate Lodges joining in the same, forming the outside line at the grave. In the language of our Text Book, 'the whole ceremony must be under the direction of the Master of the Lodge of which the deceased was a member;' and further, 'if the deceased was a member of a Chapter, Commandery or Consistory, a portion of the pillars should be taken from these bodies severally.'

"I think it highly proper for the Commandery to accompany the remains to the place of interment; but in doing so, it should be only as an escort, and, upon arriving at the grave, they should take their places purely as a guard of honor, the Lodge forming on the inside, and the W.M., or some one under his direction, consigning the body.

"If it be the request of the deceased to be buried by another form or ceremony than the one herein alluded to, which is laid down in our Text Book, the Worshipful Master should not permit their Lodges to take part in the ceremonies. 'The services arranged for the burial of the dead in our Text Book, are adapted for all the purposes for which ceremonies of that character may be required.'"

The following resolution was adopted :—

"Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Master be authorized to appoint five delegates to represent Tennessee in a Fraternal Congress in Chicago, during the World's Fair, if such a Congress shall be holden; provided, and it is distinctly understood, that neither the action of said Congress nor of said delegates shall in any respect whatever be of any binding force upon the Grand Lodge or the Masons of Tennessee, and that the expenses of the delegates in attending said Congress shall not be a charge upon the treasury of the Grand Lodge."

An opportunity was afforded to the members to make pledges to a fund for the completion of their Masonic Home, when there were pledged from lodges, \$1,712; from individuals, \$550, and the members placed upon the altar in cash, for this purpose, \$189.45.

Eight new lodges received dispensations.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. George C. Connor. He has returned from a trip to Europe, and gives us the following remarks on the Italian fraternities :—

"I am thoroughly convinced that the great temples of Italy were erected by secret Societies of Builders, societies that included both operatives, architects and superintendents. The priests held membership in these, if they were either architects, artists or superintendents. And while I have no direct proof to adduce, I am nevertheless well-satisfied that the secrets of the societies were not demanded at the Confessional.

"When Masonry took on the speculative features it gradually separated itself from the operators, and assumed aristocratic tendencies. The engrafting thereon, or rather the attempt to graft, of the Oriental Mysteries led to an absolute separation. The Operative guilds declined and failed, and the Speculative, which retained the symbols, prospered. The secrets were multiplied and the priests excluded, and then the Church of Rome began to denounce the Societies.

"We trace the 'Marks' of the Ancient Operative Craft on the temples and palaces of the islands of Great Britain, and of the Continent, but Speculative Freemasonry has little now that was known to or practised by those ancient guilds. Our ceremonial were unknown to them, and their 'Making' required physical perfection, for the 'Making' was all there was to the ancient introductions into the Fraternity. Hence, through ignorance of ancient necessities, we now cling to the unnecessary physical perfection dogma."

Our proceedings of 1891 receive a full share of his attention.

Lodges, 422; members, 17,329; increase, 586.

M. D. Smallman (McMinnville), G.M.

John Frizzell (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

53th Communication, Houston, December 8th, 1891.

George W. Tyler, G.M.

The Grand Master reminds the brethren that Texas is a great State, great in extent and growing great in population, and that the labors of the Grand Master have been correspondingly great. He says :—

"The general awakening and revival of interest in the work of our fraternity in all portions of the State is an occasion for congratulation and joy. The widespread interest and zeal of the brethren, the general desire to learn the work, the greatly increased number of bright Masons, the large attendance and the splendid tone of the lodges, the more rigid enforcement of discipline, and the number, character and Masonic attainments of those who are seeking our fellowship—all these mark an era in our progress and inspire new hope for the future. Many lodges have built new and substantial halls, others have refitted and refurnished their old ones. The finances of the lodges are generally improving, dues are more promptly paid, and a great many non-affiliates are returning to their duties and becoming active workmen in the quarries.

"With the settlement of the northwestern portion of our State the planting of Masonry goes on simultaneously—our fraternity being there, as it has been all over the United States, the pioneer of our civilization. In the older settled portions of the State the founding of new towns and the density of the population are calling for the organization of new lodges, and several applications, which I have refused on account of the constitutional limit as to distance, will doubtless be before you for charters and have merits in their claims. So it is that progress and substantial progress is evinced on every hand, and we have reason to be proud."

Seven new lodges were formed.

It is impossible to condense his remarks on Masonry in Mexico, and the importance of the subject will justify us in submitting them in full :—

"The status of Masonry in Mexico has long been a subject of uncertainty and doubt in this Grand Lodge, as well as in other North American jurisdictions. That the solution is now close at hand should be an occasion for congratulation.

"Early in the present year, R. W. Bro. S. T. Foster, of Laredo, District Deputy Grand Master of the Forty-ninth District, and R. W. Bro. Winchester Kelso, of Eagle Pass, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifty-Second District, under the inspiration of the resolutions adopted last year, and with my sanction and advice, began an investigation of the authority under which the Mexican lodges along the Rio Grande were held, and very promptly submitted to me such information as they were able to obtain. These brethren were very energetic, zealous and painstaking in their investigations, and I gave them all the aid and encouragement in my power. Their inquiries were conducted mainly by correspondence and by personal interviews with the State Grand Masters and other prominent Masons residing in the Mexican towns along the border, and our correspondence on this subject became rather voluminous.

"We were not long in ascertaining that there had recently been a general reorganization of the fraternity in the Republic of Mexico, and that the ruling power there in Symbolic Masonry was a central Grand Body known as "La Gran Dieta Simbolica de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos," with its seat at the city of Mexico, and with its State Grand Lodges in the various States and in the Federal District, and with its subordinate lodges throughout the Republic. This reorganization has practically replaced the former Blue Lodge Masonry of that country.

"It was made known to me by Bro. Foster last spring that there were two lodges on the Texas side of the Rio Grande holding charters from the Gran Dieta—one at Laredo, in Webb county, the other at Benevides, in Duval county. A request was made to the Mexican authorities for the withdrawal of these lodges from our territory, and upon the failure to comply with the request, I issued a circular on the 22nd day of May suspending the resolutions in regard to Masonry in Mexico adopted last year, and forbidding our lodges to hold Masonic intercourse with the constituents of the Gran Dieta until otherwise ordered.

"During the summer R. W. Emilio G. Canton, Grand Secretary General of the Gran Dieta, visited the Mexican lodges along the border, and, learning the status of affairs, issued a decree, which commanded that the columns of these two lodges in Texas be taken down, and the execution of this decree was committed to the Grand Lodge 'Luz de la Frontera, No. 14,' at Nuevo Laredo, North Tamaulipas, of which M. W. Jose Rossemberger is the Grand Master, and who immediately carried out the order and dissolved the two lodges in question. The courteous and prompt action of these distinguished brethren commanded my unbounded admiration, and was accompanied with generous expressions of their fraternal respect and consideration for our territorial rights as a sovereign Masonic power. I immediately issued another circular, dated September 26th, recalling the former one, reinstating the resolutions of 1890 in full force, and further declaring, under the provisions of said resolutions, that all lodges in the Republic of Mexico holding charters from and under the obedience of the Gran Dieta are regular lodges, and authorizing our lodges to hold Masonic intercourse with the same.

"About the same time I received a communication from M. W. Manuel M. Bauche, Grand Master of Coahuila, informing me of his appointment by the Gran Dieta as a special commissioner to treat with the Grand Lodge of Texas as to all matters of difference between the two Grand Bodies, and to negotiate with a view to mutual recognition and the exchange of fraternal representatives. He inclosed a translated copy of his commission, which conferred upon him all the powers necessary in the premises, and he requested me to meet him for the purposes indicated at such time and place as I might select. Desiring to further inform myself by a personal investigation on the ground, I decided to meet the distinguished brother at Monterey, in the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, on the 26th day of October, and the meeting was so arranged. Before my departure I invoked the counsel and good offices of P. M.'s Marcus F. Mott, A. J. Rose, Thomas M. Matthews, our able chairman on Foreign Correspondence, and others.

"On my way thither I conferred with Bro. Chas. S. Morse, 33°, of Austin, prominent in the Scottish Rite, and also through him made the acquaintance of Rev. B. O. Tranquilino Del Valle, of San Louis Potosi, a bright Mason hailing from the Gran Dieta, and now a student of English in our State University. At Laredo a day was pleasantly spent with Bro. Foster and the brethren of Laredo Lodge, No. 547, and an electric car carried us over the bridge, where we were warmly greeted by M. W. Bro. Jose Rossemberger, Grand Master of North Tamaulipas, and other brethren of the other side. Bro. Rossemberger had previously met me at the hall of Laredo Lodge and we had held quite a lengthy interview. I found him a very scholarly gentleman, a zealous brother and well versed in the history and practice of masonic rites in Mexico. Thence

I proceeded to Monterey, accompanied by Bro. Foster, who speaks the Spanish language very well, and who took a warm interest in the objects of my visit.

"Bro. Bauche was also punctual to his engagement and was accompanied from his home at Piedras Negras by a friend in the person of that accomplished brother, Antonio R. Urrea, Inspector General of the Symbolic Lodges of Coahuila. We repaired by invitation to the elegant and hospitable home of Brother Antonio V. Hernandez, No. 6 Calle de Bolivar, where, with Bro. Jesus Gonzales Trevino to complete our number, we proceeded to the business in hand. My previous extended correspondence and study of Mexican masonry, and my careful investigation *en route* to the place of our meeting, had pretty well prepared me for the discussions preliminary to action and which resulted in a pleasant understanding as to all former matters of disagreement and in the assurance of Bro. Bauche that no offence was intended by the chartering of the two lodges in Texas, and that they had really been chartered by mistake, there being towns of the same name on both sides of the river, and that the Gran Dieta held the same doctrine as our American Grand Lodges in regard to exclusive territorial sovereignty.

"These matters happily disposed of, we then entered into an agreement for mutual recognition and exchange of fraternal representatives, all subject to the ratification of our respective Grand Bodies, and signed the same, with the brethren present as witnesses, one copy in English, and one copy in Spanish, in terms as follows, and which may be known as:

"THE TREATY OF MONTEREY.

"A. U. T. O. S. A. G.:

"In the City of Monterey, State of Nuevo Leon, Republic of Mexico, on the twentieth day of October, of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the Master Masons, George W. Tyler, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Texas, and M. M. Bauche, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Coahuila who holds due authority from the Gran Dieta Simbolica de los EE. UU. MM., having met for the purpose of making a treaty of friendship, to establish official communication between the two high bodies, of which they are the representatives, agreed

"1. The Gran Dieta Simbolica de los EE. UU. MM., acknowledges, as the only supreme and exclusive Masonic power in the State of Texas, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons, established in the City of Houston, the Masonic capital of said State.

"2. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Texas acknowledge as the only supreme and exclusive power in the Republic of Mexico, the Gran Dieta Simbolica de los EE. UU. MM., established in the City of Mexico.

"3. All Master Masons who belong to either of the two bodies referred to in this treaty, who will prove themselves to be regular, will reciprocally have the same rights and privileges which are granted by their respective constitutions.

"4. This treaty will be submitted to the approbation of the two high contracting bodies, and as soon as ratified, they will exchange representatives.

"Two copies of the same tenor and effect will be signed, one in the Spanish and one in the English language by the respective representatives in the presence of the following named witnesses: Antonio V. Hernandez, S. T. Foster, Antonio R. Urrea, and Jesus Gonzales Trevino.

"GEO. W. TYLER,

"Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Texas.

"M. M. BAUCHE,

"Gr. Maestro de la Gran Logia del Estado de Coahuila y Apoderado Especial de la Gran Dieta Simbolica de la Republica Mexicana.

"Witness:

"ANTONIO V. HERNANDEZ,

"W. Master of Lodge 'Natura'ga, No. 137,' of San Pedro, Coahuila.

"J. T. FOSTER,

"Past Master of Laredo Lodge, 547, and District Deputy Grand Master Forty-ninth Masonic District of Texas.

"ANTONIO R. URREA,

"Inspector-General of the Symbolic Lodges of Coahuila.

"J. GONZALES TREVINO,

"Active Member of the Lodge 'Riego, No. 4,' of the City of Mexico.

"Returning to Texas by way of Piedras Negras, I was there the fortunate guest of Bro. Bauche, where he, Bro. Urrea Bro. Cantou and others made my visit exceedingly pleasant. Among the happy incidents was a splendid banquet given by Bro. Bauche in honor of the treaty between the two jurisdictions, and to which the brethren from Eagle Pass were also invited, and there, for the first time, Masons of the two countries sat down at the same board and broke bread together. This auspicious and happy event was the theme of many delightful post-prandial addresses, and the sentiment seemed to inspire all with bright hopes for the future of Masonry. The brethren

ren on both sides of the Rio Grande, and wherever I went, were very cordial to me, and their hospitality and kindness rendered my visit one of the most pleasant experiences of my life, and I make this public acknowledgment of my gratitude to them, one and all.

"Availing myself of all the sources of information at my command, I will now undertake to give a brief outline of the history of Freemasonry in our neighboring Republic.

"The first appearance of organized Masonry in Mexico was some time between 1820 and 1825. The Scottish Rite came with emigration from Europe, and the York Rite was introduced from the United States by Bro. Joel R. Poinsett, then our Minister Resident at the City of Mexico, and by others, three York Rite Lodges being chartered there by the Grand Lodge of New York. From the Masonry thus planted arose the "Supreme Grand Orient of the Mexican National Rite," which included both rites under its jurisdiction, and which is to be distinguished from the Supreme Grand Orient of the Scottish Rite hereinafter mentioned. The Mexican National Rite spread and flourished for a while, but having incurred the hostility of the government and of the priesthood it was ordered to be suppressed, and thereafter existed only in the most absolute seclusion and secrecy.

"In 1860 the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was organized at the City of Mexico under authority from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, whose See is at Charleston, and its jurisdiction extended over all the degrees of that rite, from one to thirty three.

"Soon afterward there was a disruption or schism in the Supreme Council of Mexico, and the seceders organized the Supreme Grand Orient of the Scottish Rite, and, confining itself to the first three degrees, claimed to be the supreme authority in Symbolic Masonry in the Republic. This claim, however, was never conceded by the Supreme Council, and the latter body continued to assert its jurisdiction over the first three as well as over the higher degrees of that rite. Both contending parties went on establishing Blue Lodges throughout the Republic, and, from the voluntary union of the lodges, thus established indiscriminately by each of those powers, arose Grand Lodges in a number of the States, which assumed to themselves the title of "Free and Accepted Masons," asserted their independence of the two parent bodies and claimed to be the supreme Masonic power within their respective State or Territorial limits on the plan of the several Grand Lodges of the United States. Thus it happened a few years ago that there were the Grand Lodges of the Federal District, Jalisco, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Vicente Guerrero, Lower California, Morelos, Tlaxcala, Aguas Calientes, etc., all claiming to be sovereign Masonic bodies, and, as such, they have sought recognition from foreign Masonic powers, and some of them were recognized by a few of the American Grand Lodges.

"In 1889 a spirit of harmony seems to have taken hold of our Mexican brethren, inspired, no doubt, by the establishment of peace and freed men within their borders. Realizing that Masonry could never prosper in the face of so many discordant elements and distracted interests, and with a view to the unification of the various governing bodies throughout the Republic, a treaty was made on the 24th day of December, 1889, by which the Supreme Council relinquished forever all claim of jurisdiction over the first three degrees, and the Supreme Grand Orient of the Scottish Rite and several of the State Grand Lodges disbanded their organization and agreed to reorganize under one supreme governing body.

"This reorganization was made in a grand assembly of representatives or deputies from nearly all of the State and Subordinate Lodges in the Republic, assembled after due notice, in the City of Mexico, on the 5th day of February, 1890, and which remained in session for ten days, during which time they carefully considered the best plans for unifying the fraternity and establishing it upon a permanent and prosperous basis, and finally perfected their organization under the name of the "Grand Symbolic Dieta of the United States of Mexico," and elected and installed the dignitaries and officers of the same, that of "Most Respectable Grand Master" being filled by no less a personage than General Porfirio Diaz, President of the Republic, and that of Grand Secretary General by Dr. Ermilio G. Canton, both of them distinguished for their zeal and long devotion to Freemasonry. On the 10th of the following June the General Constitution of the Gran Dieta was adopted and promulgated, a copy of which, in the Spanish language, is herewith submitted for the information of the proper committee of this Grand Lodge. To facilitate their labors, I also submit herewith a translation of the same by Mrs. Tyler, who makes this contribution to these negotiations, in which she has become very much interested from having translated for me the numerous Spanish documents received from time to time during the year.

"From this constitution it will be seen that the Gran Dieta is the supreme governing power for the whole Republic, and is composed of one Deputy from each State Grand Lodge and one from each Subordinate Lodge throughout the Republic, and it issues all charters for the Subordinate Lodges. There is a State Grand Lodge in each State, and some of them are designated by a fancy name and number as, for instance, that of North Tamaulipas, which is called "Light of the Frontier, No. 14." These State Grand Lodges are composed of five delegates from each Subordinate Lodge in

the State, and have only a supervisory power over the lodges within their jurisdictions, and all correspondence with the Gran Dieta is transmitted through them. The system seems admirably adapted to present conditions in Mexico, and was the happy conception of Eros, Diaz, Pombo, Canton, Bauche and other distinguished Masons of that country. The time may come when the independent State Grand Lodge system will be feasible there, but for the present fraternity will prosper better under the guidance of the central governing power like the Gran Dieta.

Under the impetus of this reorganization and unification of Masonic interests, and with the confidence inspired by the great names of its eminent promoters, the fraternity has already been planted upon a solid foundation, and there could be no brighter outlook for a prosperous future.

Nearly all of the particular Lodges of the Republic, regardless of their former dependence, have transferred their allegiance to the Gran Dieta, its constituent lodges now numbering about two hundred and its membership aggregating about seven thousand. Of the former governing bodies, practically none exist except in name. The old Grand Orient of the Mexican National Rite consists of only a few Lodges and is recognized as regular Masonry by the Gran Dieta, because it was the first Masonic organization of that country and was identified with the introduction of both Rites—Scottish and York—and also because Benito Juarez, the elder, and many other men distinguished in connection with the restoration of the Republic, were enrolled among its members. It seems to be preserved as a sort of souvenir of the past. The Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, and also that of the Federal District, still maintain a precarious existence, the former consisting of only a very few Lodges, as I am reliably informed, and the latter presenting the anomaly of a Grand Lodge (so called) without a single subordinate—the constituent lodges of both these former powers having submitted to the jurisdiction of the Gran Dieta, and by which these struggling bodies are denominated as irregular and clandestine.

All lodges in Mexico practice the Scottish Rite, except Toltec Lodge, No. 520, in the City of Mexico, chartered in 1882 by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and which will soon be allowed, at its own request, to pass under the jurisdiction of the Gran Dieta, if it has not already done so. At one time I was of the opinion that we should not recognize a Foreign Grand Body of the Scotch Rite, and so expressed myself in a special report on Masonry in Mexico in 1887, when I was chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. While I still adhere to the general observations and recommendations of that report, which counselled delay in the matter of recognition as matters then stood, I have become better informed and have changed my opinion in regard to our relations to the Scottish Rite; and since the Supreme Councils of Scottish Rite Masonry have declared many years ago that they will never interfere with Symbolic Masonry of any rite, but will leave the first three degrees to the control of independent governing bodies, created by the Lodges themselves, there is no reason why Symbolic Masonry of the Scottish Rite should not be welcomed to the sisterhood of Sovereign Grand Lodges. This Rite prevails in most of the Spanish speaking countries of both hemispheres.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has for fifty years, by a standing resolution, permitted Scottish Rite Masons to visit and affiliate in our Lodges, and we have already recognized the Grand Lodge of "Colon and Cuba," which, if I mistake not, practices the Scottish Rite. It is deemed immaterial to inquire whether the Supreme Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction recognizes the Gran Dieta, for that would be in a sense, deferring or delegating to another Masonic power, of which we, as Master Masons, can know nothing, the function of determining for us whom we should recognize, and when, too, that same power has formally relinquished all control of Blue Lodge Masonry of its own rite. But were it material to enquire, it would be found that the Gran Dieta, though absolutely independent, resulted from the treaty of December 24, 1859, between the Supreme Council of Mexico and the various bodies of Blue Lodge Masonry, and that the Supreme Council of Mexico originated from and has always been recognized by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. Our only inquiry should be, did the Gran Dieta originate from bodies of regular Masonry and is it now independent and Supreme within its territory? Of all this there can now be no further doubt or question.

"Of the 'Treaty of Monterey,' I will say that its ratification is with you. As long as Masonry in Mexico was torn into rival factions, each claiming supremacy, it was wise to postpone recognition until those factions should settle their own disputes. That time has now arrived. Masonry in Mexico will not be more united and harmonious if we were to wait a hundred years. The few groups now antagonistic to the Gran Dieta will not be likely to submit until the Gran Dieta is recognized by foreign Masonic powers, if then. But they are a mere handful, without influence in the Masonic world, and their number has been constantly diminishing since the reorganization. Their obstinacy is based upon no abstract principle or right, except the right to be obstinate, which, of course, is conceded to be inherent, and it is but justice to say that among their number appear the names of Benito Juarez, jr., and others of respectability in that country.

"The social standard of the membership of the Gran Dieta is very high. It embraces a large element of the intelligent, law-abiding, progressive and influential

men of Mexico, and their strict rules of admission—much more severe than ours—absolutely exclude all others. With them, as it should be everywhere, Masonry means something, and to be a Mason there is a passport to the friendship and confidence of the best people in the land. Their charity is bountiful and very practical. Some valuable lessons might be learned from them in the matter of living up to the solemn obligations of Masonry in their conduct toward the poor, the distressed and the unfortunate in their midst, and some remarkable incidents were related to me of brotherly love and relief extended to wandering craftsmen from Texas, and other states, notwithstanding the absence of official recognition of Mexican Masonry. In no country is a Mason more zealously devoted to the welfare of the fraternity, or more attentive to his obligations and duties, and they now dwell together there in peace, love and harmony.

"Though satisfied from my correspondence that we should extend the hand of fellowship to the Gran Dieta, I did not desire to assume the responsibility of advising so important a step until I had ascertained the real status of their affairs from the vantage ground of a personal visit and inspection. Having satisfied myself in this particular, I now say, unhesitatingly, to my brethren of Texas, that we should take their proffered hand, ratify the 'Treaty of Monterey,' and connect the two banks of the Rio Grande with a Masonic bridge which shall unite forever the hearts of Masons in Texas and Mexico in sacred bonds of friendship and brotherhood. The benefits to flow from such action are mutual. They seek, by our recognition, to strengthen their present organization, establish it upon an enduring basis and thereby to extend its power for good. They also seek through us the recognition of other Masonic powers, who, conceding our facilities for investigation by reason of our proximity and more frequent intercourse with Mexico will doubtless follow where Texas leads—and Texas ought proudly to lead in such a movement and introduce to our friendly powers with pleasure a body of brethren so eminently worthy of their confidence and affection. Our brethren along the border are greatly interested in this question and claim that nothing will ever so much promote good feeling, mutual confidence and social and commercial reciprocity of the neighboring towns and haciendas as the friendly intercourse and kind offices to result from Masonic recognition.

"To Mexico, with her untold resources yet undeveloped, our railways have led the way and commerce is spreading out in friendly co-operation. Men of enterprise, of genius and of wealth are travelling thither to reap the rich harvests that wait their coming and are received with open arms. Civilization itself feels the very magnetism of the touch of the Latin and Anglo-Saxon. Their fertile valleys, their rock-ribbed hills and their snow-clad mountains, all seem to speak a welcome to the pioneers of a new era and a new civilization. The intelligent and progressive citizenship of that country—and such is the class represented by their Masonry—princes in their manners and unbounded in their hospitality—greet you with a warm and cordial grasp of the hand, and you feel at once that you are not a stranger, but a friend within their gates. Masonry will enhance this warm embrace of the best citizenship of the two great countries.

"Bro. Bauche writes me, under date of December 2, that the Grand Dieta in Mexico has ratified, in all its parts, the 'Treaty of Monterey.' So that the consummation of this desirable union of Masonic interests is now entirely with the Grand Lodge of Texas, and I have no doubt you will improve the opportunity to strengthen the friendly relations already inaugurated under such favorable auspices."

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to Masonry in Mexico be, and the same is, heartily approved; that the Grand Lodge of Texas does hereby ratify, in all its parts, the 'Treaty of Monterey,' as set forth at length in said address, and now formally recognizes the Gran Dieta of Mexico.

"Resolved, That the Grand Master of Texas be, and is, hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a representative near the Gran Dieta of Mexico, and that the Gran Dieta be respectfully requested to appoint a representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas."

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews Reports on Correspondence, and has a good notice of our proceedings for 1891.

Lodges, 540; members, 23,193; increase, 1,045.

John Watson (Clarksville), G.M.

W. F. Swain (Houston), G.S.

UTAH.

21st Communication, Salt Lake, January 19th, 1892.

Wm. Grant Van Horne, G.M.

In the closing paragraphs of the Address of the Grand Master, we find a beautiful word-picture of their situation and prospects:—

"In conclusion, my brethren, allow me to congratulate you upon the bright outlook for Masonry in Utah. Our institution, like all others, draws its welfare from the wel-

fare of the country in which it has its abiding place. Everything seems to foretell the rapid, onward march of our Territory, and where Utah takes one step forward, Masonry will advance two. The development of our matchless wealth of gold, silver and lead, brought us Uintah Lodge No. 7, whose sturdy advance has never from the beginning to this hour received a check. Now the development of like hidden treasure in another part of our fair Territory has brought into being that lusty infant, Tintic Lodge, which springs into life with almost the stature of maturity.

"At places all along our valleys, from above the Bear River to the Jordan, nature's subtle gases force themselves to the surface from stills far down in the bowels of the earth, and seem to yearn for a martyrdom by fire. When touched with a match they blaze up into a flaming prophecy of the thousand chimneys and forges that will soon pour into the veins of commerce their streams of metal wealth. With the railroads, manufactories and myriads of active men this will bring; with the Theocracy we so long have fought beginning to loosen its grasp upon the throats of men and enterprises; with the surely coming time—by some thought to be already come—when a member of the ruling church, being a free man, by that right may become a Freemason, there seems for our Fraternity to be no cloud upon the fair horizon of the future."

Six delegates were appointed to attend the Fraternal Congress at Chicago, and to pay their own expenses.

The Jurisdiction Committee were directed to prepare a law defining the duties of the Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Secretary writes the Report on Correspondence, and he gives our proceedings of 1891 a good notice. He is not very complimentary to the small type used in our printing, but we cannot say that the criticism is undeserved.

"Please, Bro. Robertson, change your printer next year. Hunter, Rose & Co. won't do. Their work is horrible. To read it ruins the eyes. Give us clear print and large type, and be assured of the thanks of thousands of Masons. If it can't be done in Toronto, send it to Salt Lake city, and we promise you a job of which you may well feel proud. Our *Tribune* press is a world-beater."

Lodges, 7; members, 544; increase, 58.

Watson N. Shilling (Ogden), G.M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G.S.

VERMONT.

98th Communication, Burlington, June 10th, 1891.

George W. Wing, G.M.

The venerable John B. Hollenbeck, who was their Grand Secretary for twenty-nine years, from 1833, to 1862, died in May, 1891, aged ninety-nine years, three months, and thirteen days. He was one of the faithful who kept the altar fires alight during those dark anti-Masonic days when it required great moral courage to avow one's self a Mason, and who lived to see the storm pass away, and the Craft resume its honored position.

On the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master says:—

"Gathering together the facts reported by the District Deputies, and the statistics compiled from the annual reports of the lodges, we have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon the condition of the rite in this jurisdiction. The year has been a fairly prosperous one. Peace and harmony prevail among all the lodges, and nothing has occurred to interrupt the fraternal relations existing between this Grand Lodge and our sister Grand Lodges. I desire in this connection, however, to call the attention of the lodges situated upon the boundary line of our State to the necessity of correctly ascertaining the residence of one presenting a petition for the degrees in their lodge. Investigating committees should be instructed to be particular in their inquiry upon this point, and that the statement in the petition as to this is not conclusive, but stands exactly as any other answer to the interrogatories in the petition. Careful attention to this matter will obviate all possible complication with those Grand Lodges contiguous to ours. There is also one other suggestion that I would like to make, and which seems to me proper to be made under this topic. Every lodge has meetings at which there is nothing to do except to transact the routine business. Now, if at such meetings or at meetings called specially for that purpose, some member of the lodge would read to the brethren assembled the report of the Committee on Correspondence, a review of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodges with whom we sustain fraternal

relations, I am sure the brethren would be interested in the living, vital issues of the day, and that the results would be, more reading and thinking Masons, and an increased attendance at such gatherings."

The Grand Lecturer attended all of the thirteen district meetings, save one. He also called a meeting of all the District Deputies in the State, and he is loud in praise of the benefits derived from these gatherings. He thinks that there should be uniformity in the "floor-work," as well as in the ritual, and that a prescribed method of floor-work should be arranged by a competent committee who believe that Masonry is a progressive science.

The number of initiations (463) was the largest in any year for twenty years.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the necessary expenses incurred by District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective district meetings, including announcements, their own actual expenses, and those of the Grand Lecturer, and such other officers of the Grand Lodge as are invited and may be present at the meeting, shall be assessed upon the lodges comprising the district, to be paid by them, as a per capita tax, to the District Deputy Grand Master within 30 days after receiving notice of such assessment."

On the question of ritual, the Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was adopted :—

"We recognize the fact that there is a growing demand for a new and perhaps more elaborate monitorial ritual, but the editing and publication of such a work means time and money, unless some publisher is willing to assume the labor under the supervision of a competent committee.

"We think it may be advisable to place in the hands of the Grand Lecturer a formula for floor work, and while we would not make it obligatory upon the lodge to adopt it, because in every lodge so much depends on the hall, the membership, the ability of officers, etc., etc., it would furnish authority for answers to the many questions upon that subject, and would no doubt come into general use in time, but such a work demands careful study and labor, and we believe the Grand Lecturer to be appointed should be asked to formulate the same for the consideration of a committee.

"We therefore recommend that a Special Committee on Ritual be appointed to consider and report upon the subject herein referred to, at the next Annual Communication."

The Finance Committee recommended a series of standing resolutions, fixing the salaries of all Grand Lodge Officers, and their report was adopted by the Grand Lodge, as under :—

"*Resolved*, That the fixed annual salaries to be paid the officers of this Grand Lodge be as follows, viz.:

To the M. W. Grand Master	\$150 00
To the R. W. Grand Treasurer	75 00
To the R. W. Grand Secretary	350 00
To the W. Grand Lecturer	75 00
To the W. Grand Chaplain	10 00
To the W. Assistant Grand Chaplain	5 00
To the W. Assistant Grand Secretary	10 00
To the W. Grand Senior Steward	10 00
To the W. Grand Junior Steward	10 00
To the W. Grand Tyler	10 00
To the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100 00

"*Resolved*, That the Committees on Finance, Grievances, Credentials, Dispensations and Charters, and Masonic Jurisprudence, shall be paid mileage when actually attending upon the Communication of this Grand Lodge, providing that no member of any such committee shall receive mileage in more than one capacity. Such mileage to be in lieu of all other compensation, except for extra services rendered in vacation, and in performance of their duties, which extra services may be the subject of special appropriation.

"*Resolved*, That Proceedings of the meetings of D.D. Grand Masters, called by the Grand Lecturer, be published with the regular Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and not otherwise, at the expense of this Grand Lodge."

The order of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England, which was passed in 1887, in consequence of the Quebec difficulty, was rescinded.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins. He again reviews Canada, in the Province of "Ottawa," for 1890. He mentions that we still retain the *ancient* custom and usage of transacting business in the first degree. In his review of New Hampshire, he says:—

"In the eyes of Vermont, an objection to initiation is as sacred as the ballot, and has substantially the same weight as a black ball. The name of the objector is seldom known to the lodge; the cause of the objection cannot be inquired into; and no one but the one interposing the objection can withdraw it. At the end of the year the effect of the objection, like that of the black ball, passes, and the candidate may renew his application, if he chooses, whatever may be the status of the objector."

Lodges, 101; members, 8,889; increase, 144.

Delos M. Bacon (St. Johnsbury Centre), G.M.

Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G.S.

VIRGINIA.

114th Communication, Richmond, December 15th, 1891.

J. Howard Wayt, G.M.

Bountiful harvests, health and peace, have blessed the dear old commonwealth, and the Craft has shared in the general prosperity. Seven new lodges were formed. Among the Grand Representatives appointed, we find the name of R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, for Canada.

The Reports evidence a marked improvement in the work in the lodges, which is credited in great measure to the system of District Lecturers, who have been active and zealous.

They have eight boys in the Home, and the expenses appear to be about \$300 per boy for last year.

In the Report of the Special Committee on the Address of the Grand Master, we find the following:—

"It is most gratifying to learn from the Grand Master that there is much enthusiasm among the Craft. The limits of this report prohibit your Committee from any extended review of this portion of the Grand Master's address, but they beg to express the hope that the noble thoughts and the striking and beautiful language of the Grand Master will make a deep impression upon our brethren, and they trust that, line by line, it will be carefully read by every Mason in Virginia, for the truths he so forcibly utters must find lodgment in every true heart.

"This Communication of the Grand Lodge marks a grand epoch in its history—the temple is completed, a noble monument to Masonic zeal, perseverance and fidelity to the principles of our Order. Our Grand Master will have the proud honor and the satisfaction to know that he first held the gavel of authority, and first presided over the great parliament of representative brethren in this our superb and permanent home. We congratulate him upon this distinction, and know that all over whom he so worthily presided will unite with us in our felicitations.

"We thank the Grand Master for paying a most deserved tribute to the officers of the Masonic Temple Association and to the Governors of the Masonic Home. Such services rendered so long and so faithfully entitle them to the gratitude of all our brethren."

Lodges, 223; members, 10,574; increase, 644.

Wm. Henry Pleasants (Hollins), G.M.

Wm. B. Isaacs (Richmond), G.S.

WASHINGTON.

34th Communication, Seattle, June 9th, 1891.

James E. Edmiston, G.M.

He opened eight new lodges. He ruled that a Lodge U.D. could affiliate members, and perform the funeral ceremonies. Why not?

The Grand Secretary recommended the reduction of the *per capita* tax from two dollars to one dollar, but this was not approved of by the Finance Committee or the Grand Lodge.

The following paper, presented by consent, by David E. Bailly,

P.G.M., of Nevada, was referred to a select committee, who recommended its postponement till next Annual Session :—

“WHEREAS, It is the sense of this, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Washington, that it would tend to the permanent prosperity and welfare of the fraternity that a general congress or convocation of Free and Accepted Masons of the United States be held, by their representatives duly chosen, not for the purpose of instituting a general Grand Lodge, nor of centralizing the government of the Craft, but for the purpose of a mutual interchange of Masonic sentiment and feeling and of fraternal greeting; and

“WHEREAS, The 24th day of June, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893, would, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, be a meet and appropriate time, and the city of Chicago a fitting place to hold such congress or convocation; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Lodge whose duty it shall be to correspond with the several Grand Lodges throughout the United States and Territories, earnestly inviting them as soon as practicable to take suitable and appropriate measures to further and insure such congress or convocation and provide for an attendance at the same.”

New Zealand was recognized.

On the second day of the Session, the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple, in Seattle. The gavel used by the Grand Master on this occasion, was procured by, and made especially for, Bro. Allen C. Mason, of Tacoma, while on his recent visit to Jerusalem. The head was made of cedar from Mount Lebanon, and the handle of olive wood from the Mount of Olives. After the ceremony, all the brethren went to a grand “clam-bake,” at Alki Point.

The Grand Lecturer visited thirty-two lodges, and found them in good working order.

The Grand Secretary Reports on Correspondence. He says that the address of Bro. Walkem, in 1890, was able and good, and breathes the spirit of the true Craftsman. On the powers of the Grand Master, he says :—

“Taking this sensible view of the question and sifting it down to its very essence, we fail to see any more of the elements of ‘inherency’ in the powers of the Grand Master than is *by law* given to any other chief officer in the exercise of the functions of his office in the control of men or bodies of men connected with and occupying *subordinate* relations to such chief officer. But we deny the commonly asserted ‘inherent’ or hereditary powers of a Grand Master. There is no proof that such powers ever existed. If they ever did exist, or exist now, he can exercise them, right or wrong, and is beyond the reach of, and amenable to no Masonic law. The proposition in our judgment is simply absurd. In the early history of the Order no mention was made of any such *inherent* power; and yet, without one single fact to justify the assertion, the dogma is held up by some as a something of imperishable, not to say immaculate, sanctity in Masonry. Did it ever occur to those who advocate this and some other unsupported theories in respect to Freemasonry, that they place themselves in the strange attitude of making more “innovations in the body of Masonry” than those who adhere to its well established laws and precepts, believing in the truth of our old-time lectures that Masonry is a ‘progressive science,’ that its laws must be in harmony with enlightened reason and adverse to anything approximating intolerance; that its government has been and continues to be the result of such progressive legislation as has appeared fitting and proper from age to age. And while new beauties and holier conceptions of its divine truths are ceaseless in their evolutions, the same grand principles that characterized its rising sun at the early dawn of its existence remains the same and unchangeable.”

Lodges, 73: members, 3,419; increase, 567.

Thomas Amos (Colfax), G.M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G.S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

27th Communication, Martinsburg, November 10th, 1891.

John M. Hamilton, G.M.

The lodges are prosperous, and the best of feeling prevails. The Grand Master authorized the formation of one new lodge. On the mission of the Craft, Bro. Hamilton says :—

“The great Society of Masons, while advocating no particular form or ceremonial in the matter of religion, enjoins upon all its members that respect and veneration for

true Deity, without which all religious action has but tended to desolation and darkness; while upholding as a body universal, no special form of civil government, it admonishes and requires of all who pass its mystic portals, that they shall hence forward be faithful in their duties to their country, and by deed and precept zealous in support of the lawful powers that be.

"With a scope too vast to deal with minutæ in those things, affecting the religious attitude of man, and too universal to prescribe in detail the means by which, in social state, he shall live with his fellow man, discarding alike the loud protestations of the bigot, and the often times vain theories of the enthusiast, it contents itself to deal with man as it finds him, and teaching him the broad principles of morality, justice, equality and friendship, and with these, inculcating many other useful lessons, bids him go forth and solve for himself the intricate problem of his existence here.

"This grand symbol of the universal brotherhood of man, with its foundations firmly planted in the dim centuries of the past, and with honors added for every year it numbers, has been handed down by those, our fathers, who having in their time, filled the measure of their duties here, now lie sleeping with the just, and must by us, be soon transmitted, with naught of its magnificence impaired, to those who in the not distant future, will tread anew its peaceful paths, while we shall sleep the sleep that knows no waking."

The Committee on Work held three Sessions, at which a large number of brethren were constantly in attendance, giving close attention to the work, which was fully and carefully reviewed. A Special Committee was appointed to present some feasible plan to disseminate the Ritual in a more uniform and thorough manner.

The Grand Secretary Reports on Correspondence. Canada does not appear.

Lodges, 93; members, 4,528; increase, 417.

Lewis N. Tavenner, (Parkersburg), G.M.

George W. Atkinson, (Wheeling), G.S.

WISCONSIN.

47th Communication, Milwaukee, June 9th, 1891.

N. M. Littlejohn, G.M.

Among the opening paragraphs of his Address, we find some excellent remarks:—

"Freemasonry is everywhere not only advancing in material strength, but also winning its way more and more to the hearts of men who are not prejudiced by false reasoning or blinded by sectarian bigotry. In our own jurisdiction we have passed a year of unusual harmony and prosperity. Very few complaints relating to the action of subordinate lodges, have come to my notice. Most of our constituent lodges are in a strong and healthy condition, and many of them have made unusual advancement, not only in membership, but in the excellent and impressive manner in which they conduct the work of the lodge. I am also glad to be able to express the belief that the material for membership is being selected with more care and greater fidelity to the interests of the Craft.

"Members of the Order are beginning to realize more fully, that something beyond mere membership in the lodge, is necessary to distinguish them as true Masons. The more they bring the fundamental principles of the institution into their daily lives and conduct, the more they will reflect honor upon the Order, and also better exemplify to the world the true intent and meaning of Freemasonry."

From a large number of decisions made by the Grand Master, we select the following as being of general interest:—

"It is not Masonic or legal to transact any business at a special communication, except that specified in the call for such communication. Balloting on an application for the degrees or for affiliation can in no case be had at a special meeting.

"The W. M. should declare a ballot had at a special communication null and void and order the ballot to be passed at a regular or stated communication." * * *

"A member of our lodge living in another State, notifies the lodge that he has renounced the name by which he joined the Order, and that he has assumed a new name, and asks that the lodge shall substitute the new name in place of the old one, on its books and records.

"Question.—Can such substitution be legally made, and if so, what action is necessary on the part of the lodge to do so?

Answer.—The lodge may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, order the change to be made upon the books after having received satisfactory evidence that the

brother has changed his name in accordance with the laws of the State in which he lives." * * *

"A lodge receives the petition of a brother for affiliation. A member of the lodge presents an objection to the W.M.

"*Question.*—Should the W. M. entertain the objection, and order that the ballot be not passed?

"*Answer.*—No. There is no Masonic law authorizing an objection to affiliation." * * *

"The requisite number of Master Masons living in a prosperous village desire to form a new lodge, but are unable to get the approval of the nearest lodge.

"*Question.*—Can the Grand Master grant the dispensation without the approval of the petition by the nearest lodge.

"*Answer.*—Yes. The prerogative of the Grand Master to give dispensations for opening and holding lodges and for conferring the degrees is an ancient landmark that cannot be abrogated or changed by the constitution or by action of the Grand Lodge. But as the constitution of this jurisdiction prescribes certain conditions to entitle a lodge under dispensation to receive a charter, one of those conditions being that its petition receive the approval of the nearest lodge, it would be unwise for the Grand Master (except perhaps in extreme cases) to exercise his prerogative in disregard of those conditions."

With regard to this latter subject, we may say that we found it necessary to alter our regulations, and to provide that when, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest lodge was unreasonably withheld, he should have power to waive that requirement.

Bro. Littlejohn also rightly decided that municipal boundaries are not to be considered in determining the question of the jurisdiction of lodges. The lodge-room is the "place of meeting," from which the distances are to be measured.

He formed four new lodges. His special dispensations numbered sixty-four, and the fees therefor amounted to \$210, so that the exercise of this prerogative is quite a source of revenue. Of these dispensations, two were for public installations, fourteen to allow the "Eastern Star" (ladies' degree) to use lodge-rooms, and thirty-nine related to candidates. On the general mission of Masonry, he says:—

"Why may not the Masons of the world unitedly exert their influence for the adoption of some plan for the settlement of national questions without resort to war? There might be a congress of nations organized, and empowered to enact a code of international laws, providing for the settlement of all differences likely to arise between nations. Or there might be a general treaty of nations, formulating some plan whereby all disputes that may arise shall be submitted to a peaceful arbitration. Let it not be supposed that I am advocating the organization of a new party, or the formation of a new sect, to advocate a plan for securing universal peace. On the contrary, I would have every man labor in his present political or sectarian associations, to create and educate public sentiment on this question, until it is strong enough to demand that statesmen everywhere act in harmony therewith. In this day of great fecundity of political parties, many social and governmental reforms, perhaps meritorious in themselves, are retarded and subjected to ridicule, by those who seek prominence by organizing a political party to advocate them. The interests of our country are too vast, and too varied in their nature, to be intrusted to the keeping of any party, organized upon the line of a specialty. Political parties in our country are already nauseatingly numerous. Christianity ever, is hampered and hindered in its work of reform by numberless divisions, each claiming to be the repository of the true key to the Kingdom. The life lessons given us by 'Him who spoke as never man spake,' whose every act and word and thought from the Manger Cradle to the Cross, were a plea for the peace and the unity of mankind, are totally disregarded by hundreds of warring sects, each claiming to be His true followers. As Masons, we want no part in forming new parties, or in establishing new sects, but let us rather labor to educate the only party Masonry recognises, the great brotherhood of man, up to a true idea of its capabilities and its destiny. What more appropriate time and place could be selected to organize an effort to give peace to the world, than the coming assemblage of the representatives of all nations, to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of giving America to the world?

"I bespeak for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin the distinguished honor of initiating some movement having that object in view. Aside from discharging the charitable duties we owe those dependent upon us, it appears to me no work can be more in consonance with the objects of our institution than this. The principles of Freemasonry cannot prevail throughout the world, its work will not be accomplished

until all nations shall learn war no more; until they 'beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.' Then, and not until then, may man hope to enter into the rich heritage of that promised Beatitude, pronounced by the Herald Angels at Bethlehem, 'Peace on earth, and good will towards men.'

Bro. M. L. Youngs, the Grand Lecturer, continues to perform his duties in the most efficient manner. He held schools of instruction for fifty days. The attendance was good, and the interest manifested was very gratifying. His report is a very interesting paper.

At the previous meeting, the Grand Lodge Trustees were directed to prepare and present resolutions for the establishment of a permanent charity fund. They did so, but accompanied their report with strong reasons why these same resolutions should not be adopted. The Grand Lodge adopted their conclusions, and the resolutions were indefinitely postponed. These reasons are well worthy of the most careful consideration, so we give them in full.

"First. It does not appear that in a Masonic Jurisdiction so healthful and prosperous as ours, that it needs at this time a Charity Fund that must from necessity and the very nature of its existence, become the clearing house for Masonic tramps rather than for deserving Masons.

"Second. It has been clearly demonstrated by investigation from circular letters sent to subordinate lodges, that they were financially able in nearly all instances to provide for needed charity, and deserving Masons applying for assistance have never been turned away until their wants have been amply provided for, and further, that they were opposed and saw no necessity for the creation of a Charity Fund.

"Third. If statesmanship embraces a close consideration of the correlation between causes and effects, and the philosophic and practical analyses of their origin and growth, then by a parity of reasoning, it may be truthfully said that Masonic charity is the grandest exemplification of the institution of Masonry, but if the causes that would create a Charity Fund should have the effect of creating in the minds of some of our Masonic brethren, too lazy to work, that they could be supported by Masonic charity, the grandest purpose of our beloved institution would have been perverted into an ignoble end.

"Fourth. We believe there is a very wide distinction between true Masonic charity and Masonic sentiment, and while your trustees yield to none in their allegiance to the true spirit of the best there is in our noble Order—while deserving charity would find us willing to give as freely and generously and with hearts as overflowing with sympathy as any, still we are of the opinion that to establish a Charity Fund by this Grand Lodge in its present prosperous condition, would only be to invite and encourage a dependency where independence has heretofore existed. It would be to educate some of our brethren to feel that the only purpose of the faternity was to support them and very soon forget the old adage 'that God helps him who helps himself.'

"Fifth. There is a trite saying 'let well enough alone.' We have borne the burdens that have been placed upon us admirably and well by the most liberal and noblest charity, and this Grand Lodge is still competent to dispense its charity in a most magnificent manner, as it has done in the years passed without the establishment of a Charity Fund, and in this respect it will never suffer by comparison with other sister jurisdictions. We believe the true principle is that dispensation of charity should be among the subordinate lodges, who have every opportunity of judging the merit and worthiness of the applicant, and if the subordinate lodge is too poor financially to meet the demands made upon it, the Grand Lodge will never refuse, as in the past, to come to their aid by voting such sums of money as may legitimately be required."

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to universal peace, and the mission of Masonry in reference thereto, not having appeared to report, were continued to report at the next meeting.

Bro. Duncan McGregor Reports on Correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives flattering mention.

Lodges, 217; members, 13,899; increase, 253.

M. N. Littlejohn (Whitewater), G.M.

John W. Laffin (Milwaukee), G.S.

WYOMING.

17th Communication, Rawlins, December 1st, 1891.

Emile A. Abry, G.M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:—

"It affords me much pleasure to be able to report to you that all our subordinate lodges are, generally speaking, in a prosperous condition, financially and otherwise, and much good work has been done, and, although our ranks have not, owing largely to the stringency of the times, been augmented to the extent we might have looked or hoped for, yet we have gained some strength (quite an increase as compared with last year), as regards numbers and the quality of the material. I might also be permitted to add that renewed interest and earnestness seems to be perceptible in our lodges."

The Grand Master decided that a lodge could not admit a person hailing from the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, as it would be in opposition to one of their standing regulations, forbidding intercourse with that body.

He authorized a new lodge at Newcastle.

Six delegates were appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Wyoming at the Fraternal Congress, to be held at Chicago in 1893.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master appoint a committee of five whose duty shall be to recommend to the next Grand Lodge Communication an 'Official Work' to be adopted as the "Official Work" of this Grand Jurisdiction, and should any member, or members, of said committee on being notified of his or their appointment show good cause why he or they could not attend the meetings, the remaining member or members of said committee shall have power to fill the vacancy or vacancies caused by failure to attend said meetings, and it is hereby ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay the actual travelling expenses of said committee in attending such meetings, on proper warrants, providing said expenses shall not exceed one hundred dollars."

The Grand Secretary has a very fraternal review of our proceedings for 1891. His Report on Correspondence is fully up to his usual high standard. His concluding remarks are well worthy of preservation:—

"No member of the Guild is, or can be, firmer in his stand in favor of the few recognized fundamental laws and essentials absolutely necessary for the success, future prosperity, and, as we believe, the perpetuity of Masonry, than this writer, Uniformity already exists in regard to all such. We insist that a nearer approach to uniformity in laws and customs could be obtained were it not for absurd claims advanced in regard to landmarks which are stumbling blocks in the way of investigation. It is now generally admitted that the old regulations are not landmarks, for the reason that they are not unalterable and are amendable. This being the case, it does seem if the same time that is expended here and there in defense of absurd claims under that name, was devoted to advocating and securing a change in laws and customs, such as would create uniformity in nearly everything, it would be better for our institution in every way. For instance, we will mention a few regulations that could, in our opinion, be adopted unanimously to the great advantage of every Jurisdiction: 1. Resignation of officers. 2. Allowing them to dimit. 3. Allowing Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to dimit. 4. Allowing them to affiliate. 5. Grant of more power to Lodges, U.D. 6. Uniform legislation in regard to non-affiliation and non-affiliates. 7. That a Past Master may open and close a Lodge in the absence of the three principal officers—and others of the same character. We are aware that under our system of States rights it is hard work to accomplish anything, and expect to be met with the nonsensical cry of innovation and departure from the laws of the fathers, etc. The latter does not, and will not, deter this writer from advocating the adoption of laws making provision for each of the foregoing, at least until an argument backed by common sense is advanced, showing that such laws would be of disadvantage to any Brother, Lodge, Grand Lodge, principles of Masonry and to the institution itself. Brethren, don't try to ring in landmarks on this, for they have nothing whatever to do with either, and you will get left in attempting to tamper with the citation of such."

We may remark, incidentally, that in our jurisdiction officers are allowed to resign and demit, and entered apprentices and fellow-crafts are allowed to affiliate.

Lodges, 13; members, 708; increase, 58.

Perry L. Smith (Rawlins), G.M.

William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G.S.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED.

Alabama	1891	Maine	1891	Nova Scotia	1891
Arizona	1891	Manitoba	1891	Ohio	1891
Arkansas	1891	Maryland	1891	Oregon	1891
British Columbia	1891	Massachusetts	1891	Pennsylvania	1891
California	1891	Michigan	1893	Prince Edward Island ..	1891
Colorado	1891	Minnesota	1892	Quebec	1891-92
Connecticut	1892	Missouri	1891	Rhode Island	1891
Delaware	1891	Montana	1891	South Carolina	1891
District of Columbia ..	1891	Nebraska	1891	South Dakota	1891
Florida	1891-92	Nevada	1891	Tennessee	1892
Georgia	1891	New Brunswick	1891	Texas	1891
Idaho	1891	New Hampshire	1891	Utah	1892
Illinois	1891	New Jersey	1892	Vermont	1891
Indian Territory	1891	New Mexico	1891	Virginia	1891
Indiana	1891	New South Wales	1891	Washington	1891
Iowa	1891	New York	1891	West Virginia	1891
Kansas	1892	North Carolina	1892	Wisconsin	1891
Kentucky	1891	North Dakota	1891	Wyoming	1891
Louisiana	1892				

Mississippi for February, 1892, is the only absentee.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, Ont., Can., June 10th, 1892.



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